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- King Charles' emotional tribute to Queen in first address to nation
- He makes William and Kate Prince and Princess of Wales... sends love to Harry and Meghan

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Mama,
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CHARLES III
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ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022

By MATT WILKINSON, Royal Editor

KING Charles III pledged his lifelong service to the nation last night — and spoke of his profound sorrow at the loss of his “darling Mama”.

In a highly emotional first televised address to the nation, he hailed his mother’s “warmth, humour and unerring ability always to see the best in people”. He praised her “life well-lived”, her “sacrifices for duty” and “unswerving devotion”.

He ended the nine-minute address: “I want simply to say this: Thank you.” He added poignantly: “May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.”

The King spoke from Buckingham Palace’s Blue Drawing Room, minutes after arriving with wife Camilla, 75.

Confirming her new title, Queen Consort, he said: “I know she will bring to the demands of her new role the steadfast devotion to duty on which I have come to rely so much.”

He said William and Kate will become Prince and Princess of Wales, the latter becoming the first to hold the title since Diana.

And in an olive branch to his youngest son, Charles III expressed his love for Harry and Meghan “as they continue to build their lives overseas”.

The new monarch began his speech by speaking of his “profound sorrow” at the loss of his mother who died at Balmoral Castle aged 96 on Thursday.

He recalled the Queen’s pledge on her 21st birthday in 1947 that she would “devote her life, whether it be short or long, to the service of her peoples”.

Charles vowed the same “throughout the remaining time God grants me”.

He told Britain and the Commonwealth: “I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.”

Speaking to a grieving nation, he recalled the incredible changes that have occurred in Britain over the Queen’s record-breaking 70-year reign, saying her nation has “become one of many cultures and many faiths”.

But he admitted as king his bigger workload means he will have to hand down many of his beloved duties and charity work to younger royals.

Speaking of his mother’s funeral, he hoped the world can “come together to lay my beloved mother to rest”.

His “angels” sign-off was a quote from Shakespeare’s Hamlet and features in musical composition Song For Athene, by John Tavener and performed at Diana’s funeral in 1997.

Charles III spoke in a room used by his mother for Christmas messages, and in front of a posy of sweet peas and rosemary representing remembrance.

On the desk were a vase with three corgis at the base, and a photo of the Queen, selected by him. It was taken in July 2010 when she visited Kirkcudbright, Scotland, to see the scallop industry and local food producers.

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CHARLES III'S FIRST

I SPEAK to you today with feelings of profound sorrow.

Throughout her life, Her Majesty the Queen — my beloved mother — was an inspiration and example to me and to all my family, and we owe her the most heartfelt debt any family can owe to their mother; for her love, affection, guidance, understanding and example.

Queen Elizabeth was a life well-lived; a promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today.

Alongside the personal grief that all my family are feeling, we also share with so many of you in the United Kingdom, in all the countries where the Queen was Head of State, in the Commonwealth and across the world, a deep sense of gratitude

for the more than 70 years in which my mother, as Queen, served the people of so many nations.

In 1947, on her 21st birthday, she pledged in a broadcast from Cape Town to the Commonwealth to devote her life, whether it be short or long, to the service of her peoples.

That was more than a promise: it was a profound personal commitment which defined her whole life.

She made sacrifices for duty. Her dedication and devotion as Sovereign never wavered, through times of change and progress, through times of joy and celebration, and through times of sadness and loss.

In her life of service we saw that abiding love of tradition, together with that fearless

embrace of progress, which make us great as nations. The affection, admiration and respect she inspired became the hallmark of her reign.

And, as every member of my family can testify, she combined these qualities with warmth, humour and an unerring ability always to see the best in people.

I pay tribute to my mother’s memory and I honour her life of service. I know that her death brings great sadness to so many of you and I share that sense of loss, beyond measure, with you all.

When the Queen came to the throne, Britain and the world were still coping with the privations and aftermath of the Second World War, and still living by the conventions of earlier times. In the course of

the last 70 years we have seen our society become one of many cultures and many faiths.

The institutions of the State have changed in turn. But, through all changes and challenges, our nation and the wider family of realms — of whose talents, traditions and achievements I am so inexpressibly proud — have prospered and flourished.

Our values have remained, and must remain, constant.

The role and the duties of monarchy also remain, as does the Sovereign’s particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England — the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.

In that faith, and the values it inspires, I have been brought up

SPEECH: POIGNANT TRIBUTE



HE TELLS ARTHUR: IT HAD TO HAPPEN



Chat . . . Arthur with Charles and Camilla yesterday

SUN snapper Arthur Edwards yesterday offered his condolences to King Charles and the monarch replied: "It had to happen one day."

Arthur, who has been photographing the new king for more than 40 years, was at the bottom of the aircraft steps at RAF Northolt when he arrived from Balmoral.

The King was captured on TV cameras leaning in to speak to Arthur at the West London air base.

By ISAAC CROWSON
Arthur said: "I have been photographing this man for more than 40 years.

"I feel so deeply for him because it is a terrible thing to lose your mother, for anyone.

"So I said, 'I am so sorry for your loss.'

"He replied simply, 'It had to happen one day.'

"He seemed deep in thought, with a lot on his mind.

"Which is, of course, understandable."

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Dignified . . . King Charles, a picture of his mother beside him, addresses the nation

ADDRESS TO NATION

to cherish a sense of duty to others, and to hold in the greatest respect the precious traditions, freedoms and responsibilities of our unique history and our system of parliamentary government.

As the Queen herself did with such unswerving devotion, I too now solemnly pledge myself, throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the constitutional principles at the heart of our nation.

And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.

My life will of course change as I take up my new responsi-

bilities. It will no longer be possible for me to give so much of my time and energies to the charities and issues for which I care so deeply. But I know this important work will go on in the trusted hands of others.

This is also a time of change for my family.

I count on the loving help of my darling wife, Camilla.

In recognition of her own loyal public service since our marriage 17 years ago, she becomes my Queen Consort.

I know she will bring to the demands of her new role the steadfast devotion to duty on which I have come to rely so much.

As my heir, William now assumes the Scottish titles which have meant so much to me.

He succeeds me as Duke of

Cornwall and takes on the responsibilities for the Duchy of Cornwall which I have undertaken for more than five decades.

Today, I am proud to create him Prince of Wales, Tywysog Cymru, the country whose title I have been so greatly privileged to bear during so much of my life and duty.

With Catherine beside him, our new Prince and Princess of Wales will, I know, continue to inspire and lead our national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the centre ground where vital help can be given.

I want also to express my love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas.

In a little over a week's time

we will come together as a nation, as a Commonwealth and indeed a global community, to lay my beloved mother to rest.

In our sorrow, let us remember and draw strength from the light of her example.

On behalf of all my family, I can only offer the most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your condolences and support.

They mean more to me than I can ever possibly express.

And to my darling Mama, as you begin your last great journey to join my dear late Papa, I want simply to say this: thank you.

Thank you for your love and devotion to our family and to the family of nations you have served so diligently all these years.

May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.



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KING HANDS



‘Heir to the throne will always put family first’



By ROBERT JOBSON

IT was a heartwarming photo that charmed the nation – William and Catherine taking their three children to school this week.

And this picture spoke a thousand words – for it signals the future for the Royal Family.

Although the new Prince of Wales is now next in line to the throne – a job weighed heavy with responsibility – his first priority will still be his young family.

As they took their youngsters to Lambrook School, near Windsor, for the new term on Wednesday, the royal couple were blissfully unaware that little more than 24 hours later the Queen would be dead.

As first in line to the throne, William is now Prince of Wales and Catherine is a Princess.

What kind of Prince of Wales is William likely to be?

It is a job his father had for 70 years but, with the best will in the world, for William being direct heir to the throne will only be a relatively short tenure.

William knows the clock is ticking. His father is 73 and his reign could be 15 years or more but it might not.

He has to be poised, ready to take the throne. Despite that, he will continue to look after the children. Putting his family first has always been William's motto.

He cleared it with the late Queen and with his father that he would always be there for his children in their formative years.

He knows he is going to work harder because his brother, Harry, has abandoned ship but he will still be there for the school run.

And despite the calls on his time for royal duties, he will still do those family things.

William is worried about anything detrimental coming from Harry and Meghan, not for himself

Megxit crisis brought William and Charles closer than before

but for the monarchy, because he knows that everything that is said will be an historic moment.

That's why Harry's forthcoming book is so damaging. It is coming directly from an insider. Every word will be accountable.

Even if William conflicts with their version of the truth, the Royal Family are not in a position to answer back.

And so they will counter it with this strong We Five family message, setting the moral tone of the monarchy for the future.

In the past, Charles was closer to Harry than he was to William but the crises over Megxit and Prince Andrew have brought William and Charles closer in a way they never expected.

It won't be a joint reign. Now that his father is King, William will have to pay him a little bit more deference than he has been used to.

In the wake of the Queen's death, there will be a movement of properties.

Charles will stay at Windsor Castle and use his favourite home, Sandringham. He will also live above the shop at Buckingham Palace when it is refurbished.

William and Catherine have just moved into Adelaide Cottage and they want to be near Windsor Castle and their children's school.

So they may swap with Prince Andrew, who is currently living at Royal Lodge.

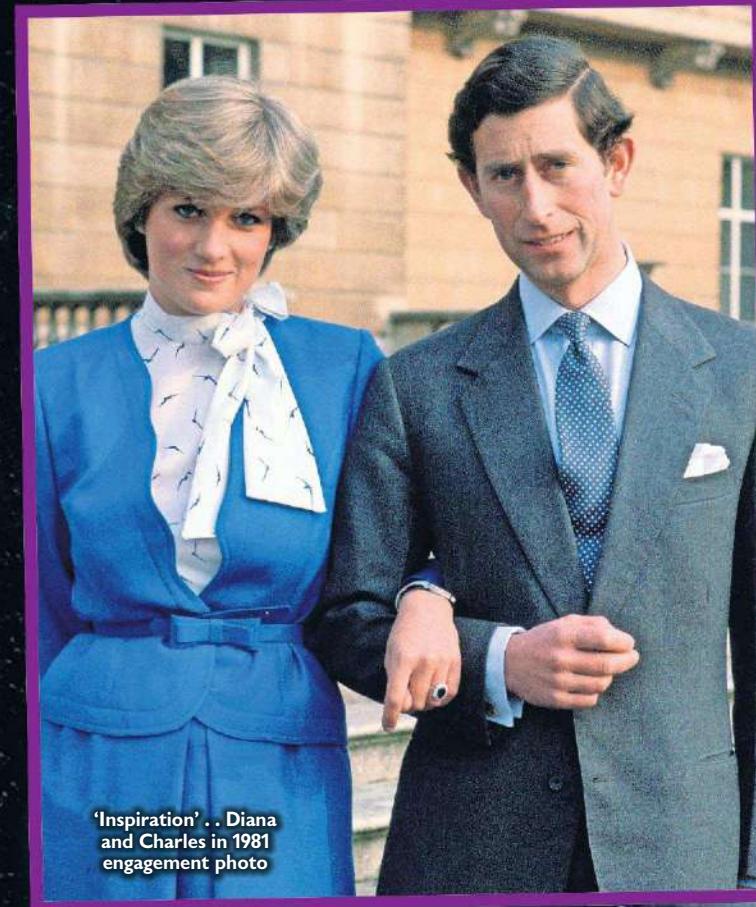
Andrew was always guaranteed to have Royal Lodge while the Queen was alive. But there may well be changes now because there is a new dynamic and William has no time for his uncle.

Now is the start of a new era for William. But as he does it his way, family, as always, will be at the forefront of his actions.

● Robert Jobson is the author of William At 40.



Family man... home life will stay a priority for William as Prince of Wales



‘Inspiration’.. Diana and Charles in 1981 engagement photo

WILLIAM IS NOW PRINCE OF WALES

PRINCE

WILLIAM and Kate were last night officially handed the titles Prince and Princess of Wales by an emotional King Charles.

Kate, 40, takes on the role that William's mother held – 25 years after Princess Diana's death.

The King told of his pride as he conveyed the honour during his first televised speech as monarch, which was beamed to millions from inside Buckingham Palace.

A royal source said the new Prince and Princess of Wales would approach their roles in a “modest and humble way”.

They added: “The new Princess of Wales appreciates the history associated with this

By MATT WILKINSON

role but will understandably want to look to the future as she creates her own path. The couple are focused on deepening the trust and respect of the people of Wales over time.”

The new king, speaking publicly for the first time since his mother's death, also confirmed



that William, below with Diana, would take on his Scottish titles and the responsibilities for the Duchy of Cornwall.

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Heir... Wills with mum Di in 1995

OVER TITLES TO HIS SON



Destiny... Kate yesterday as she inherited Di's title



Next in line...
Wills and Kate's
2010 engagement

KATE TO TAKE ON DIANA ROLE

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national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the centre ground where vital help can be given."

A formal ceremony is to take place at a later date.

Kate has previously described Diana – whom she never met – as an "inspirational woman".

Meanwhile, William – knowing that his wife would ultimately take Diana's title – once said: "No one is going to try to fill my mother's shoes."

Kate was destined to follow Diana and become Princess of Wales after she married William in 2012.

She even inherited Diana's sapphire engagement ring.

The title Prince of Wales is traditionally given to the heir to the throne and Princess of Wales to his wife.

William, 40, automatically

became first in line to the throne when Queen Elizabeth died aged 96 on Thursday.

The couple remained the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and Cambridge until last night's announcement.

Ingrid Seward, editor-in-chief of Majesty Magazine, said: "Kate will be a wonderful Princess of Wales and will be accepted by the public 25 years after the passing of Princess Diana."

"Kate is possibly the only person who could ever take on that role and be accepted and flourish."

"She is fully deserving of the title and Princess Diana would have been delighted."

Diana became Princess of Wales when she married Charles at St Paul's Cathedral in 1981. She received a standing ovation months later when she used Welsh during a speech on being given the Freedom of Cardiff.

She kept the title Diana, Princess of Wales, after divorcing Charles in August 1996, even though her HRH status was removed.

The title Princess of Wales has been unused since Diana

died aged 36 in a car crash in Paris on August 31, 1997.

Technically, Camilla, 75, could have called herself Princess of Wales after she married Charles in 2005. But Camilla, now Queen Consort, declined to use it.

Charles became Prince of Wales aged just nine but was not formally appointed until an investiture watched by millions on television – at Caernarfon Castle in 1969, when he was 20. In June, during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a well-wisher yelled to Kate at Cardiff Castle: "You're going to be a brilliant Princess of Wales!"

Kate replied it was "very kind" and, pointing at William, said: "Well, I'm in good hands."

Last night, the couple's new titles appeared on their Twitter account.
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FUNERAL'S 'BANK HOL'

PALACE officials will today confirm details of the Queen's funeral, which is expected to be on September 19.

It will be the first at Westminster Abbey for a monarch since George II in 1760. The day, a Monday, is set to be a public holiday.

King Charles III will formally be proclaimed sovereign today by the Accession Council in London. Tomorrow, the Queen's coffin is due to be taken from Balmoral to Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.

On Tuesday, it will be flown to London, staying at Buckingham Palace overnight before lying in state in Westminster Hall.

The coffin is expected to be taken to Westminster Abbey on the funeral day.

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STAND-OFF



Distance ... princes at unveiling of mother's statue in July 2021

EXCLUSIVE by MATT WILKINSON

PRINCE Harry cut a solitary figure as he left Balmoral alone yesterday morning — having been told by his father, the new King, that he could not take Meghan there.

The Duke of Sussex was the first royal to leave the Scottish estate and had been the last to arrive after he flew up as news emerged of his grandmother's failing health.

His departure came as it emerged King Charles, 73, and sister Anne, the Princess Royal, 72, were the only royals who managed to see the Queen before she died.

Her two eldest children were in Scotland when her health dipped and both dashed to be by her bedside and say their final farewells.

Yesterday, Harry, 37, was clearly still racked with grief as he arrived back at Frogmore Cottage in Windsor to be reunited with Meghan.

Photographs showed him glassy-eyed and with his hand over his mouth as, like the rest of nation, he tried to take in the tragic events.

It is understood Harry was at Frogmore when Charles told him in a phone call from the dying Queen's bedside not to bring Meghan with him to Balmoral.

A source said: "Charles told Harry that it wasn't right or appropriate for Meghan to be in Balmoral at such a deeply sad time."

"It was pointed out to him that Kate was not going and that the numbers really should be limited to the very closest family."

"Charles made it very, very clear Meghan would not be welcome."

Out-of-favour Harry was also refused a seat on the RAF plane that took his brother Prince William and his uncles Prince Edward and Prince Andrew up to Scotland.

Harry and Meghan had announced on Thursday lunchtime, without consulting the rest of the family, that they would be "travelling to Scotland" together.

But Harry agreed to go alone after the intervention.

As a result, he had to find his own plane and the delay meant he did not arrive at Balmoral until 7.52pm — nearly 90 minutes after it was announced to the public that the Queen had died.

At 8.20am yesterday — just over 12 hours later — he was back on the road to Aberdeen Airport to catch the first BA flight to Heathrow.

As he arrived at the airport, he was consoled by an airline worker in a hi-vis jacket and they shared a tender moment before he

● Flies back to Windsor first.. solo

● Urged by dad not to bring Meg

Dutiful...
with Meghan
at do in 2018



boarded the plane. He sat with a security guard and remained subdued throughout the flight.

One passenger told The Sun: "He barely moved for the whole hour-long flight and was obviously reflecting on his beloved grandmother."

"It was so sad to see him without the other royals to comfort him. I really hope the Queen's will help them heal their rifts."

The California-based Harry and Meghan were in the UK for a series of charity events when they announced their plans to travel to Balmoral together.

They had been due to attend the WellChild Awards in London but cancelled as soon

as they heard of the Queen's declining health. A spokesman for the couple had said: "The Duke and Duchess of Sussex will be travelling to Scotland."

However, after Charles spoke with Harry, it was later announced that he would be making the trip alone.

It is understood Harry looked at flying up by helicopter before finding a private jet to take him.

But he was several hours behind other royals after being refused a seat on their plane, which took off from RAF Northolt at 2.39pm and landed in Aberdeen at 3.50pm.

There were just seven passengers on board — William, Andrew, Edward and his wife Sophie, plus three aides. That left 12 empty

seats on the Dassault Falcon jet. It is understood the royals had all travelled from their homes near Windsor Castle and would have passed close to Frogmore Cottage.

Prince William was less than half-a-mile away at Adelaide Cottage while Prince Andrew was three miles away in his Royal Lodge home. Prince Edward and Sophie were a 15-minute drive away at Bagshot Park.

William also made his way back to Windsor separately to Harry in yet another display of the gulf between the once close princes.

Last night, they were once again in their neighbouring cottages but The Sun understands there has been little, if any, communication between them. But perhaps in an

Upset... Harry reaches Frogmore Cottage yesterday



OVER DASH TO SEE QUEEN

HARRY ALONE WITH HIS GRIEF



Consolation . . . airport worker chats with duke at Aberdeen before return flight to London



attempt to defuse any tensions over Meghan's absence in Scotland, King Charles made a point of name-checking them both yesterday in his first TV address to the nation.

The new monarch said: "I express my love for Prince Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas."

Several senior royals remained at Balmoral Castle after spending a day of "quiet reflection" yesterday, a source revealed.

While Charles, William and Harry all left for London in the morning, Anne, Edward, Sophie and Andrew were still in Scotland.

It was understood those family members who stayed held a private gathering in the castle to remember the monarch. A source told The

Sun: "Senior royals spent a day of quiet reflection at Balmoral. The family came together to remember her life."

Outside the main gates of the sprawling estate in the Scottish Highlands, hundreds of wellwishers arrived throughout the day to pay tribute to Her Majesty.

Aberdeenshire Council set up a park and ride service from nearby Ballater and Braemar, bussing in people to pay their respects, while many who did drive there abandoned their cars on grass verges.

An army of volunteers ushered mourners to the site, where a carpet of flowers, drawings and messages were left. One read: "Our Queen. Your job here is done. Rest Easy." matt.wilkinson@the-sun.co.uk

KIDS TO GET TITLES

PRINCE Harry and Meghan's children will become Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet.

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The Queen's death and the accession of their grand-

father to the throne will mean Archie is entitled to the title of prince and his sister, Lilibet, one, can now become a princess.

Under the rules set out by King George V in 1917 the children of a son of a sovereign are also bestowed the status of HRH.

Archie could have used the courtesy title Earl of Dumb-

arton, or been Lord Archie Mountbatten-Windsor.

But Buckingham Palace said the duke and duchess decided he should be plain Master Archie Mountbatten-Windsor instead.

Their new titles will be at odds with Harry's moaning about the burden of having a title. In 2017 he confessed he once "wanted out" of the royal family — a wish that became a reality in 2020.



With kids . . . Sussexes

By PAUL SIMS

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MUM LEADS

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CHARLES:
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Walkabout...
Charles and
Camilla inspect
flowers yesterday

EMOTIONAL King Charles was cheered by subjects at the Palace yesterday — with one adoring fan telling him: "You will make a brilliant King."

The visibly moved Monarch quickly fired back to well-wisher Bev Newbury: "With your help I will be."

The touching encounter came as the King did an impromptu walkabout outside Buckingham Palace.

Thousands were there to mourn the death of their beloved Queen but the sombre atmosphere at the gates changed as soon as her son stepped out of the Royal Bentley.

The respectful silence was first broken by a single shout of "God Save the King".

Then, as people threw roses towards the new monarch, a chorus of the

EXCLUSIVE by ROB PATTINSON and SCARLET HOWES

National Anthem broke out in extraordinary scenes of affection.

The King, who had flown back to London from Balmoral, looked close to tears as the crowd cheered for him.

Bev, 66, of Coulsdon, Surrey, explained how she became the first commoner to speak with both King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla since his accession.

The mum of five, a retired healthcare assistant, said: "Charles was clearly very touched by the way the crowd greeted him. He looked very misty-eyed, it was clear, but he still had a smile for everyone. He was clearly emotional — you could see it in his eyes."

"He shook my hand and I said, 'Sorry for your loss'. As he went to walk away, I said, 'You will be a brilliant king'."

"He stopped and clearly looked very moved. He paused for a moment and then came back and said to me and the crowd, 'With your help I will be'."

Bev, there with husband Paul, 57, added: "I had to be there today to pay our respects. I love Charles — I love them all. I absolutely loved the Queen."



Emotional... Bev and Charles at Palace and, right, with hubby Paul

CHEERS FOR NEW MONARCH



She was so steadfast and never wavered from her principles. She was such a wonderful example."

In another tender moment, the King was seen putting his hand around Camilla, who appeared close to tears during the 15-minute walkabout.

More shouts from the crowd of well-wishers declared "We love you King Charles and we loved your mum" and "Hip, hip hooray".

In another moment of high emotion, Janny Assismos greeted the new King with a kiss on the lips.

The mum, from North London, said: "I couldn't believe it. I asked him if I could kiss him and he said he was very happy for me to."

"I never thought I'd kiss the King. He looked sad. The feeling overcame me and I had to kiss him."

Janny, who moved to the UK from Cyprus, added: "He wasn't nervous. He was perfect and lovely. I've always liked him."

Mum-of-two Vicky Binley was so overwhelmed when the King took her hand she leaned forwards and kissed it.

The media company director, 51, said: "When he came across he looked

very heartbroken. He just looked like a man who had lost his mum. He looked tired and bleary-eyed. He was clearly very emotional, but you could see how the crowd lifted him."

"I shook his hand and said, 'God bless you and God bless your family – we're all here for you'. He looked me in the eye and said, 'Thank you'."

"I just wanted him to know how much we love and care for him."

"I think it was a maternal instinct kicking in."

"I said our love and our thoughts and prayers are with you and I leaned forward and kissed his hand."

"He just said, 'Thank you'. I was shaking like a leaf. My legs were like jelly. But, if I'm honest, I feel really blessed."

Vicky's farmer husband, Chris, had no idea because he was home in Rutland and busy working, driving his tractor. She added: "He was oblivious."

Joanna Rae, 34, from Edinburgh, told how she kissed Camilla, saying: "It was a case of trying to console her. In this situation words are not sufficient. I went in to kiss her cheek and she bowed her head. She was

obviously hesitant but she let me. She had very soft skin – like a baby."

Mourners had queued for hours in the rain to lay flowers – with queues reaching two miles at their peak.

Weeping Fahmida Ferdous, 37, said: "This is such a special moment. I've shaken the Queen's hand and now I've seen the King. I'm quite stunned."

"I just kept saying sorry to him and he said thank you."

Mike Duarte-Moutinho, who had flown from France when he heard the news, said the King had quipped back with "Bonjour" when he was greeted by the Frenchman.

"Camilla also said 'bonjour' to me. It was quite surprising but you can see their manners even at a time like this. They also gave me a little smile."

Teenager Jamie Osborn remarked: "Charles was trying to put on a brave face but you could see he was struggling. His eyes were really red and he looked straight at me when I shook his hand. We were all giving him our condolences and he thanked us."

"I said, 'God save the King', and he agreed."

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1ST RECITAL OF ANTHEM

MOURNERS packed into St Paul's Cathedral last night and sang the first official rendition of God Save the King.

They sang it at the end of a moving memorial service to give thanks to the Queen's "devotion to all her people".

All 2,000 seats went to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

PM Liz Truss, invited by the Queen to form a new government only on Tuesday, gave a Bible reading. Dean Designate Andrew Tremlett told those present:

"We celebrate her love for her family, her commitment to duty, and her calling to create unity and concord at the heart of the Commonwealth."

"We pray for the Royal Family, as they mourn their loss."

"We pray, too, for our most gracious Sovereign Lord, the King, that placing all his trust in God, he, too, may rule over us in peace with justice and compassion."

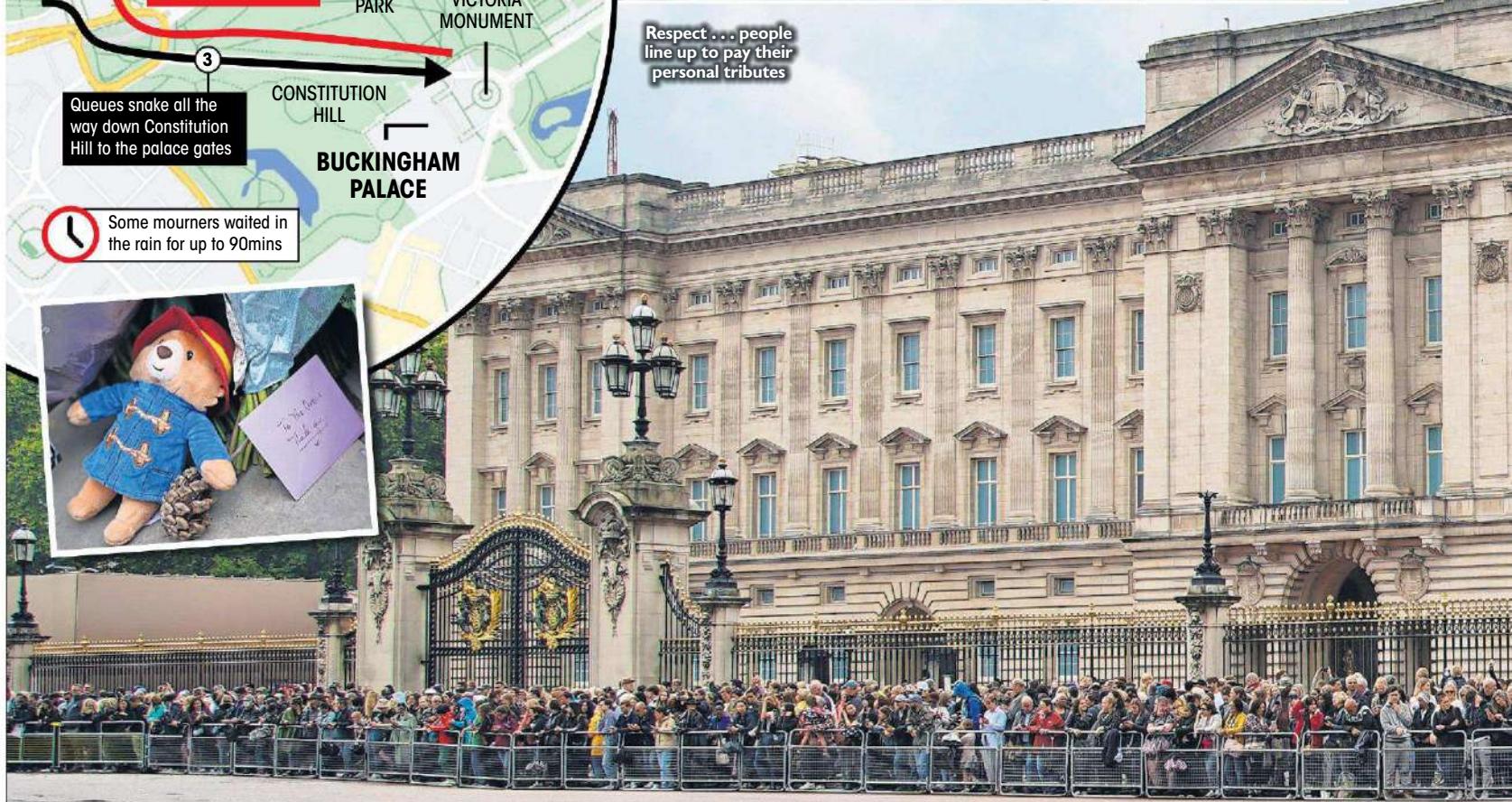
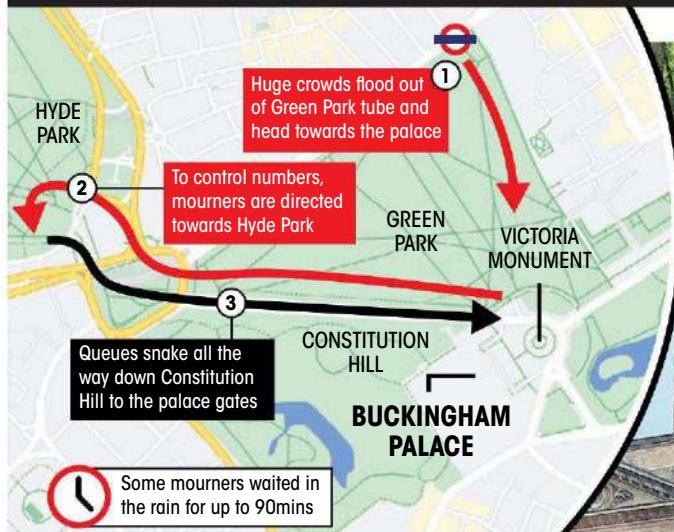
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Reading . . . Ms Truss



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EMOTIONAL



ROYAL MILE

By TOM WELLS, ROB PATTINSON, AMIR RAZAVI and SCARLET HOWES

GRIEVING mourners yesterday formed a queue more than a mile long to lay flowers in memory of the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Braving grey skies and rain, tens of thousands made their way to leave tributes to the only monarch most had ever known.

Some left bouquets and heartfelt written tributes, others teddy bears and even model corgis, each thanking Her Majesty for a lifetime of selfless service.

The day saw tens of thousands of people pouring out of Green Park Tube station and heading across the park to the palace.

The crowds converged on the Victoria memorial but were soon sent up the right-hand side of Constitution Hill to Hyde Park

Public queue for hours in the rain to mourn at palace

Corner, and into Hyde Park. They then queued back down Constitution Hill to the front corner of the Palace where they were directed to add flowers along railings. The river of flowers quickly stretched to more than half a mile with florists rapidly selling out. Charities later stepped in to offer bunches of lilies and roses for sale.

The sheer volume of tributes quickly led Buckingham Palace to ask well-wishers to leave their tributes in nearby Green Park

and Hyde Park instead. Signs were put up saying those laid at Buckingham Palace yesterday would be left for 12 hours before being moved to Green Park.

Mourners reported waiting for 90 minutes to place their tributes. Among them was Alby Hosier, who had come from Watford on his tenth birthday.

He said: "I was sad when I heard about it. We know about her from books in school." Christine Ashley, 68, from Canberra, Aus-

tralia, said she had arrived in the UK with her husband Norman, 71, on Thursday – the day the Queen died. She said she felt like she had "walked into history". She added: "It's very sad. She's been part of our lives."

Gus Aledrea, from Minneapolis, said: "The Queen was just magnificent, and we are never going to see the likes of her again."

Tributes were also paid at other royal residences throughout the United Kingdom.

Thousands also patiently waited to leave tributes in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

At Holyroodhouse, in Edinburgh, Moira Scott, 53, said: "I felt the need to do something. She has been there all of our lives. Scotland loved the Queen."

Outside Ulster's Hillsborough Castle, Laura Porter said: "I feel quite sad for her today but I think she's with Philip, the love of her life." One hand-written tribute left outside the castle read: "Hard to imagine a United Kingdom without you."

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GATHERING OUTSIDE GATES





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CEREMONIAL

WE SALUTE

**Solemn blasts of
a 96-gun salute
echo across globe**

By JEROME STARKEY, Defence Editor

AN unprecedented 96 blasts rang out across the world as soldiers and sailors marked the death of the Queen with gun salutes yesterday.

Each round fired represented a year of Her Majesty's life.

Troops from the Royal Horse Artillery led the tributes – blasting exceptionally large charges from a line of World War One-era field guns.

One round was fired every ten seconds from ten saluting stations across the UK, plus one in Gibraltar and six warships at sea.

Thousands of people watched as a procession of 71 horses from the Royal Horse Artillery towed their 13-pound field guns past Buckingham Palace before commanding officer, Major Francesca Sykes, gave the order to fire in Hyde Park, central London.

The public were forced to watch from more than 300 yards away to protect their ears from the deafening sound of the 1lb charges – double the size of the normal ceremonial rounds. A defence source said the larger charges reflected the gravitas of the occasion.

Simultaneous salutes took place outside the Tower of London, right, Edinburgh and Cardiff castles, Hillsborough Castle in Belfast, and at Colchester, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Stonehenge and York.

Her Majesty's namesake, HMS Queen Elizabeth, led salutes at sea firing a ceremonial gun. The Royal Navy's flagship 65,000-ton aircraft carrier was in the Atlantic after setting sail for New York this week.

She was joined on the waves by the amphibious assault ship HMS Albion and the Type 23 frigates HMS Richmond, HMS Westminster and HMS Northumberland. Frigate HMS Lancaster took part from Portugal.

The Death Gun Salute was the first public ceremony as part of London Bridge – the codename for the long and meticulously planned response to the death of the Queen.

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said: "The sad passing of Her Majesty The Queen will be felt by every member of her Armed Forces."

He said the monarch was "more than the Commander in Chief, she was their guardian".

He added that she was deeply involved in championing their welfare and supporting them "before, during and after operations".

The Chief of the Defence Staff Admiral Sir Tony Radakin said: "Through her service in the Second World War, and as the wife, mother and grandmother of service personnel, The Queen understood better than most the burdens and the glory of a life in uniform."

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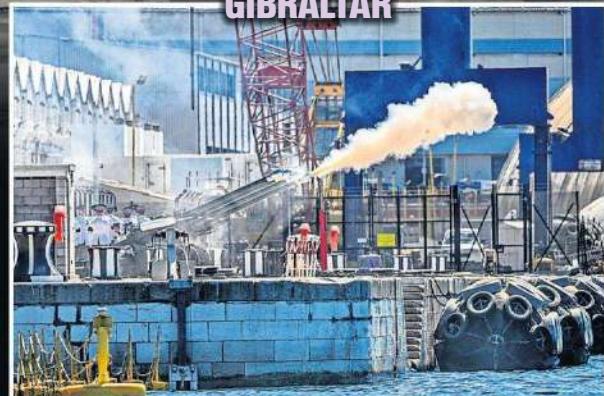


HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH



Scene yesterday on aircraft carrier that bears late monarch's name

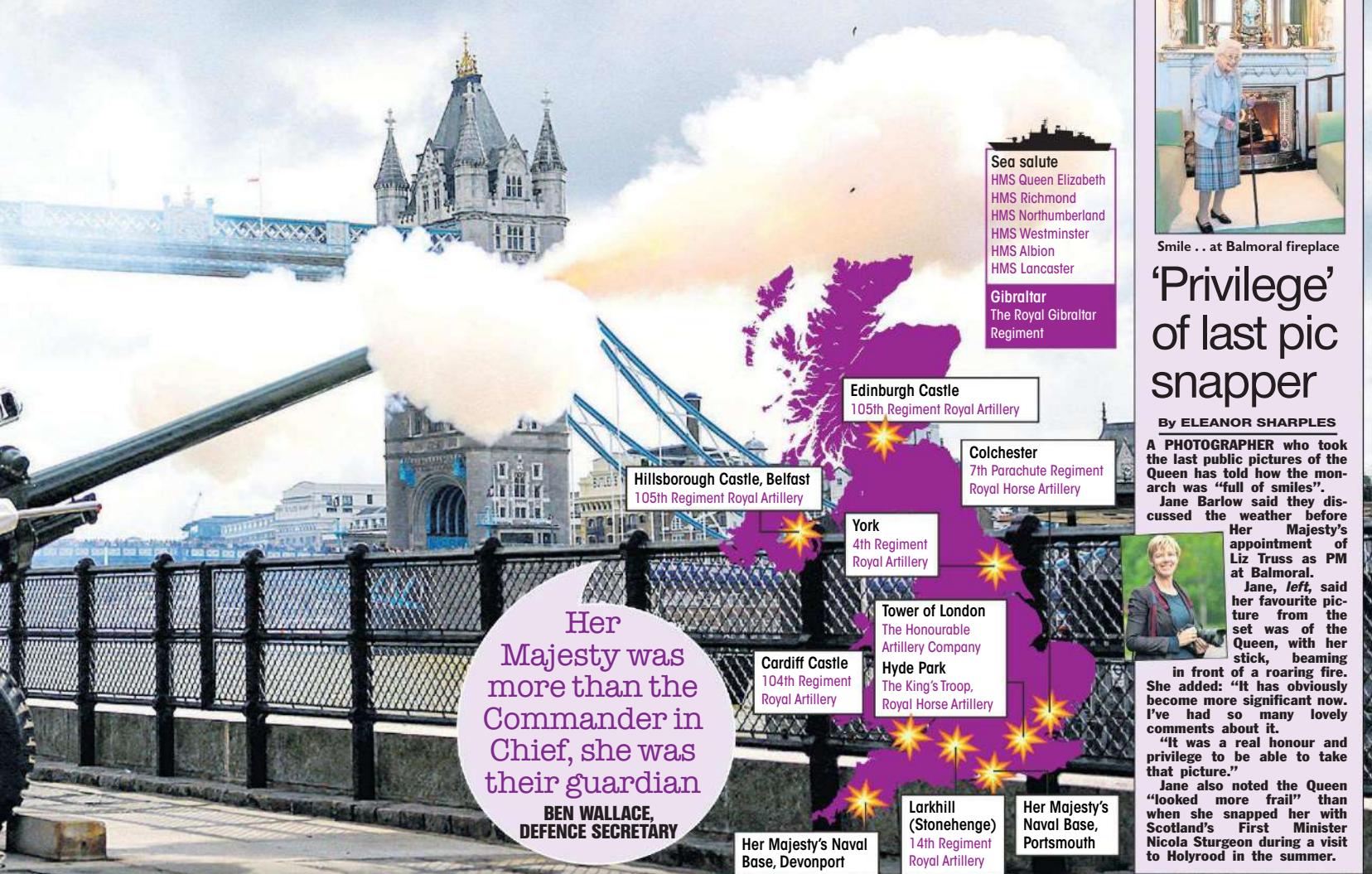
GIBRALTAR



Simultaneous salute takes place at overseas territory's naval base

GUNS IN HISTORIC TRIBUTE

YOU, MA'AM



'Privilege'
of last pic
snapper

By ELEANOR SHARPLES

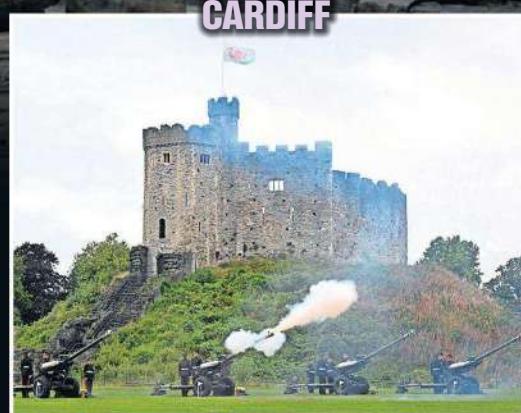
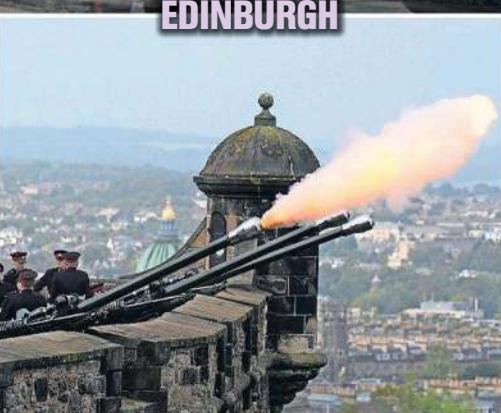
A PHOTOGRAPHER who took the last public pictures of the Queen has told how the monarch was "full of smiles". Jane Barlow said they discussed the weather before

Her Majesty's appointment of Liz Truss as PM at Balmoral.

Jane, left, said her favourite picture from the set was of the Queen, with her stick, beaming in front of a roaring fire. She added: "It has obviously become more significant now. I've had so many lovely comments about it."

"It was a real honour and privilege to be able to take that picture."

Jane also noted the Queen "looked more frail" than when she snapped her with Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon during a visit to Holyrood in the summer.



The Queen's death is marked at Hillsborough Castle

Blast from gun on the Scottish capital's castle ramparts

Gun salute in grounds of the castle in the Welsh capital

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YOUNG AND



Flowers ... mum
Charlotte and
Tilly, 4, who left
poignant tribute

 By
OLIVER HARVEY
at Balmoral

THEY came in teeming rain to pay their respects.

Young and old, they left bouquets at the gates of the 50,000-acre Balmoral estate — the place where the Queen had always been happiest.

At a moss-covered bridge, one poignant message read: "I love you Queen. I'll miss you. Tilly, aged 4."

It was left by the young daughter of company director Charlotte Westwell, 36, and her husband Adam, 37, an oil and gas worker.

Charlotte, who lives in nearby Aboyne, said Tilly became obsessed with the Queen during the Platinum Jubilee this year.

The mum, of two added: "We spent four days celebrating — we danced, we had picnics, we went to barbecues — and I just think it's the right thing to do [to mark her death] because she gave her life to the nation. She was inspirational."

The family has fond memories of bumping into the Queen on a walk — but the Royal Family has always been part of the fabric of life in this corner of Aberdeenshire.

The Queen often found solace at Balmoral Castle, set amid heather-clad hills on the banks of the Dee.

For it was here that she had spent long summers trout fishing and picnicking on the moorland.

And it was here her adored husband Prince Philip had proposed and where they spent their honeymoon. Later, the castle would see cherished family barbecues and glorious days beside the river.

She had once said that "it's rather nice to hibernate" here.

Woken to the skirl of bagpipes every morning, the Queen liked to drive her own car — often at a pace — on the estate's private roads. And she would sometimes go unrecognised as she visited tea rooms and stores near the castle.

Here, she could — for six weeks of the year at least — live out her dream of life in the countryside, surrounded by her beloved horses and dogs.

One former courtier said: "One of the first things you notice was how different she was when she was at Balmoral or Sandringham compared with when she was at Buckingham Palace.

"She didn't have to be Queen there. You would look out of the window and she would walk past with her dogs, and wave."

Yesterday, Balmoral had become sombre; the dark, brooding hills encapsulating the sombre mood.

Fluttering in the breeze, a single Union Jack and a string of Scottish Saltires were at half mast.

Gillian Neale, who had travelled with 11-year-old daughter Jodie from the nearby village of Alford to pay her respects, said: "It's a very sad mood here. She was very popular around here. Everybody



Mourners look at bouquets left outside castles

Royal banner of Scotland at half mast

I love you Queen. I'll miss you.. Tilly, age 4

loved her and she loved it here." Also there to pay tribute was Harry Butler, 51, who recalled bumping into the Queen as he walked through a forest on a school trip at the age of 12.

Tearful Harry, from Newburgh, near Aberdeen, revealed: "We got the shock of our lives when all these corgis emerged and then the Queen was just there.

"She asked what school we went to and seemed so interested in all of us. It was incredible just to be on a school walk in the woods and

then to meet your Queen." The tool hire worker added: "I wanted to come here today and lay flowers as a token of respect from someone who has admired her right to the end."

"And it was right to the end that she served all of us."

His thoughts were echoed by the floral tributes left at the castle.

One read: "You have been a source of inspiration and a calming figure through my life." Another added: "A mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, our Queen.

Your job here is done. Rest easy." King Charles III had spent the night at the castle before he and Queen Consort Camilla were driven for the hour-long journey to Aberdeen International Airport.

Earlier, Prince Harry had made the same journey and was seen being consoled by a female airport worker in a hi-vis jacket.

He later boarded a British Airways flight as he made his way back to Windsor.

And at the gates to the Queen's Berkshire home yesterday, another

steady, solemn procession of mourners walked by to lay flowers. Under leaden skies they held hands, leaned on each other's shoulders and dried their tear-stained eyes in the royal town where the nation's longest reigning monarch spent most of her private weekends.

It will be within the imposing walls of Windsor Castle that Elizabeth II will be laid to rest next to her late husband Philip and her parents, King George VI and the Queen Mother. In the past two

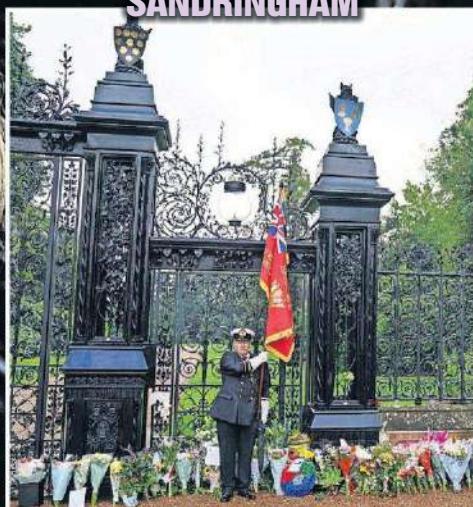
OLD GATHER AT PALACES

SANDRINGHAM

Little Ciara Hidesley-Daniels, two, in corgi skirt



SANDRINGHAM



Merchant Navy Association's John Houston with flag

WINDSOR



Young lad in red wellies lays down his rose

WINDSOR



Warders stand guard outside entrance to the castle



Queen . . . & corgi, 1950

Lament of corgi owners at death

By JAMES SOMPER

CORGI owner groups said yesterday they had "lost part of our world" with the Queen's death.

The late monarch, 96, owned more than 30 corgis and dorgis — a corgi-dachshund cross — during her 70-year reign.

Most were descended from her first corgi, Susan, an 18th birthday present in 1944, and she loved to walk them.

Kay Hogg, secretary of the Welsh Corgi League Scottish sector, said: "Everybody associated corgis with the Queen."

"She did so much for the breed and had them by her side all her life."

"We feel as though we have actually lost part of our world. We are all very, very sad."

Corgi owners arranged a gathering of 70 of the dogs at Balmoral for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

'Jack' left so upset

A ROYAL fan who was called "Union Jack Man" by the Queen has said he is heartbroken.

Terry Hutt, 87, spent years travelling to royal events to see the royal family, usually wearing his special Union Jack suit.

The retired carpenter even met the Queen a number of times.

Terry, from Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, said: "Queen Elizabeth always made a point to walk over to me, nod her head, say hello."

"Her Majesty called me Union Jack Man."

Superfan Maj tears

A SUPERFAN with the world's largest collection of royal memorabilia says she wept on hearing of the Queen's death.

Anita Atkinson, 65, compared it to "passing in the family".

Her royal museum at her farm in Crook, Co Durham, has 12,000 items spanning 200 years.

The gran said: "I broke down in tears when I heard the news. She has been an absolute constant — I can't get my head around her death."

But Anita is certain "sensitive" Charles will make a great king.

years, the Queen made the market town, a few miles west of London, her main residence.

Like her neighbours 500 miles north, the people of the royal borough were cheered by their everyday encounters.

On the Long Walk from the royal estate to the castle, Felicia Nwankwo, 75, a retired retailer from the town, said: "We would see her here. She once stopped her car just behind us here to let my granddaughter cross. "She was a special woman.

We should celebrate her life," Executive Natasha McDowell, 46, said: "It is like losing a family member. We saw the Queen at the horse show. She would walk around there with an entourage."

Tributes were also paid to the Queen at her other much-loved retreat, the Sandringham country estate in Norfolk. It was where she spent every Christmas with her family. At the Nor-

wich Gates, bouquets, teddy bears and tea lights rest against the walls.

Locals loved and respected the Queen, who attended Sandringham church services and Women's Institute meetings.

Student Jasmine Finbow, 21, from Snettisham, spoke of her grandmother, who used to work for the Royal

Family on the estate in the canteen. Jasmine said: "She used to meet the Queen and talk to her a lot. We've all met her, so we feel touched by her loss."

Seth Mellor, 23, remembered meeting the Queen when she visited his primary school.

He said: "To take that time to just come to a primary school and shake hands with an 11-year-old shows she was a woman of the people."

Additional reporting:
GRANT ROLLINGS

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**BIG EVENTS**

BRITAIN ON

COURTS



Pause... judges expressed sorrow

Lawyers hush as cases halt

By NICK PARKER

COURTS fell silent and cases were briefly halted yesterday as judges across the country expressed their "profound sorrow" at the death of the Queen.

Lawyers and barristers gathered in the Old Bailey to observe a two-minute silence.

The court will not open on the day of the Queen's funeral.

Barristers also dropped plans for demonstrations next week out of respect for the Queen but said their industrial action is ongoing.

The Public and Commercial Services Union is postponing industrial action by court staff planned between today and September 18.

The TUC postponed its four-day annual conference due to have begun in Brighton tomorrow.

It said: "The UK's trade union movement sends our condolences to the Royal Family on the death of the Queen, and recognises her many years of dedicated service to the country."

A strike by Royal Mail staff yesterday was called off and three by rail workers on Thursday and Saturday, and later this month, have been suspended.

POLICE

10k cops on streets a day

ABOUT 10,000 police are expected to be on duty every day in London in the lead-up to the funeral.

All leave and training is likely to be cancelled and extra help called in from Home Counties' forces.

Officers will handle crowds, the arrival of foreign leaders, terror threats — and even lost children.

Ex-Met commander Bob Broadhurst said: "I expect the biggest security operation ever seen."



MAJOR sporting events and fixtures were axed and TV schedules ripped up yesterday as the first full day of official national mourning began.

The BBC Proms and Mercury Prize were also cancelled out of respect while shops in villages, towns and cities chose to close along with top tourist attractions.

Radio DJs were encouraged to play downbeat songs and cut the chit-chat between them as the nation paused to reflect on the loss of Her Majesty at 96.

Irreverent TV comedy shows will also be shelved.

Football's Premier League and the English Football League decided to postpone all games scheduled for this weekend "as a mark of respect".

An FA spokesman said: "Her Majesty the Queen was a long-standing Patron of The Football Association and

By NICK PARKER and PAUL SIMS

has left a lasting and indelible legacy on our national game." Fixtures in Scotland, Ireland and Wales were also called off.

Discussions with Uefa were continuing over European fixtures next week involving British clubs in the Champions League, Europa League and European Conference League.

Horse racing meetings — much loved by Her Majesty — will be suspended today. The big event, The Doncaster St Leger, will be



Cancelled... Last Night of the Proms

Games cancelled
... tribute at Wembley Stadium

● FOOTIE & OTHER SPORT SUSPENDED
● PROMS & MUSIC AWARDS OFF TOO



switched to tomorrow. Races at Musselburgh — five miles from Holyrood House, the royal residence in Edinburgh where the Queen's body will lie in state from tomorrow — are also off.

England's Test with South Africa at The Oval and the BMW PGA golf championships at Wentworth in Surrey will both resume today after play yesterday was suspended.

In boxing, Claressa Shields and Savannah Marshall's middle-weight world title fight tonight at London's O2 is also cancelled.

The rest of cycling's Tour of Britain is off but the Great North Run goes ahead tomorrow. The half marathon, from Newcastle to South Shields this year, raises around £25million a year.

For the ten days until her funeral, male BBC presenters will wear black ties and comedy panel shows including Have I Got News For You and Mock The Week will be put on ice.

BBC1 ran rolling news coverage yesterday with regular shows including EastEnders and Bargain Hunt moved to BBC Two.

ITV cancelled daytime schedules. Channels will gradually return to normal. No changes will be made to streaming services.

Stars had started to take their seats at the Mercury Prize, which hails this year's best UK album, when it was pulled.

The event, with nominees including Sam Fender and Harry Styles, will be rearranged.

Food made for the 250 guests at London's Hammersmith Apollo was distributed to the homeless by Punjab Covent Garden.

Amrit Maan, the restaurant's owner, said: "It just shows how in such a dark day, there is humanity, compassion, light."

The BBC Proms and BBC Radio 2 Live in Leeds are cancelled. The National Television Awards, due to take place on Thursday, were also understood to be in doubt last night.

West End shows will go ahead but most theatres look likely to close on the day of the funeral.

Radio stations are following instructions to adjust playlists to include only downbeat ballads or "inoffensive" content. Meanwhile,

POSTPONED OUT OF RESPECT

HOLD

TELLY



Royal role... Imelda plays Queen

Fifth Crown series 'delay'

EXCLUSIVE by ROD MCPHEE

THE new series of *The Crown* could be pushed back out of respect for the Queen — as it depicts some of the worst years of her life.

Covering 1990 to 1997, it would also be a PR disaster for King Charles III as it delves into his affair with Camilla Parker Bowles, the new Queen Consort, while he was married to Princess Diana.

The Netflix drama's fifth series — in which Imelda Staunton plays Her Majesty — had been due for release in November.

A TV insider said: "Bosses of *The Crown* face a real dilemma because airing the show could be seen as disrespectful just weeks after the Queen's funeral."

The late monarch's "annus horribilis" in 1992 saw Windsor Castle catch fire, Prince Andrew split from Fergie and Princess Anne divorce Captain Mark Phillips.

A string of other programmes could also be postponed to allow for continued royal coverage.

Strictly Come Dancing's BBC1 launch show, set for next Saturday, could be pushed back. A question mark also hangs over the new series of Channel 4's *Great British Bake Off*, from Tuesday.

Last night's episodes of *Coronation Street* and *Emmerdale* were pulled by ITV but *EastEnders* was screened on BBC2.

Selfridges in London's Oxford Street closed its branches yesterday but was due to reopen today. Shops do not have to shut the day of the funeral but some are likely to.

Tourist attractions including Legoland Windsor, Kew Gardens, London Zoo and the National Gallery all closed in tribute to the Queen yesterday but will reopen today.

Schools will stay open during the period of mourning but will close on the funeral day.

A no-fly zone will be enforced over parts of central London in the hours before it takes place as planes carrying foreign leaders and diplomats begin to arrive. Only authorised aircraft will be allowed to fly within the area until 7am on the day of the funeral.

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Wait... Mercury hopeful Sam



Doubt... Strictly's launch

ALL CHANGE FOR CAROLEAN AGE

THE Queen reigned for seven decades and her portrait, name and even signature are all part of everyday life.

The face of Britain's longest-serving monarch has adorned everything from coins to stamps and banknotes.

And the royal cypher ERII can be seen

on passports, post boxes and police uniforms. As Britain comes to terms with the loss and moves from the Elizabethan era into the "Carolean" — from Carous, the Latin for Charles — we explain how this will impact the day-to-day trappings of our lives.

MONEY

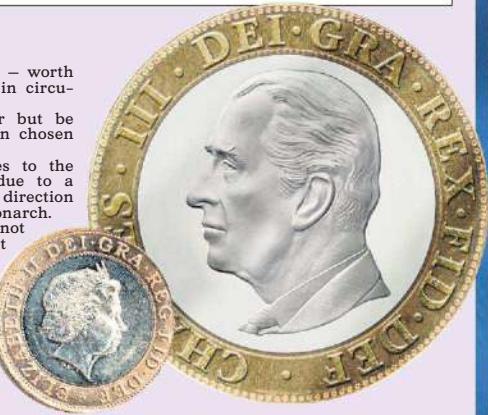
THERE are 4.5 billion bank notes — worth £80 billion — and 29 billion coins in circulation bearing the Queen's head.

They will remain legal tender but be gradually phased out for a design chosen by the new king.

While the Queen's image faces to the right, her son's will face left due to a 17th-century tradition that the direction must alternate for each new monarch.

The Queen's picture did not appear on notes until 1960, eight years after her ascension to the throne so it may take a while for Charles III's tender to be minted. Other nations where the Queen is head of state will phase out their money.

The Stock Exchange will close on the day of the funeral if it is declared a bank holiday.



ROYAL FLAGS

THE Queen's personal flag — featuring a gold E with the royal crown and roses on a blue background — will no longer be used.

The Royal Standard, with English, Scottish and Irish symbols, will change if Charles adds a Welsh element. The current one was in use before Wales had its own flag.

PASSPORTS

BRITONS will still be able to use their current passports for travel — even though they are issued on behalf of Her Majesty.

The wording inside the front cover will be changed to His Majesty in all new passports which are issued, meaning the old ones will disappear over time.

STAMPS

STAMPS with the Queen's head will remain valid until the end of January 2023, the Royal Mail has said.

In the meantime new ones will no longer be produced and designs featuring King Charles will be commissioned.

The postal service also said the release of any special stamps, which already carry the Queen, will still go ahead but may be delayed. When Elizabeth took

the throne in 1952 a series of stamps called the Wilding Issues, featuring portraits taken by photographer Dorothy Wilding, were released within a couple of weeks of King George VI's death.

They were used until 1971 when decimal currency was introduced.



POLICE & MILITARY

THE Queen's royal cypher — or monogram

— on government buildings, military uniforms and police helmets will be changed.

It is likely King Charles will use CR or CRIII as his unique cypher. Her Majesty's

Armed Forces, Passport Office and Prison

Service will become His Majesty's.

ROYAL WARRANTS

GETTING a royal warrant — a seal of approval — is a big deal in business.

About 800 companies, such as Cadbury and Boots, were granted ones by the Queen.

But they will lose the right to use the royal coat of arms unless King Charles renews permission.

POST BOXES

DURING the Queen's reign, Royal Mail marked its post boxes with ERII, which stands for Elizabeth Regina II.

This will now most likely be CRIII — Charles Rex III — but it will take a long time to replace the 115,000 boxes dotted around the UK.

Royal Mail has said post boxes already in production or due to be installed will retain the Queen's insignia.



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MPs PRAISE

THE Sun
SAYS

King's speech so full of love

KING Charles III. Even two days on, it is taking some getting used to.

That is no reflection on our new monarch. Just a measure of the Queen's constant, reassuring presence in all our lives for 70 years and the void she has left.

Charles, with his moving first speech, has given us every confidence he will fill that with wisdom, skill and compassion.

We have occasionally worried he might be an activist King, a risk to our monarchy's future. But no longer.

He is clearly acutely aware of his role as our impartial head of state.

His TV address was full of love: For Camilla, his Queen Consort. For William and Kate. For Harry and Meghan.

Love too, and gratitude, for his "darling Mama" and the example she set him.

Charles takes the throne on a tide of goodwill once hard to imagine. Diana fans used to be adamant they would never accept Camilla. But over two decades she has won millions round through the charm, wit and diligence The Sun has so often seen up close.

The affection in which the couple are now held was palpable at Buckingham Palace as they arrived to a cheering crowd singing God Save The King.

Her greatest feat

This should be a sobering moment for republicans certain the Queen's death signals the endgame for our monarchy.

Likewise, the global outpouring of grief and love will stun those still insisting Britain is a minor nation in decline:

Flags at half-mast the world over. Tributes in major capitals. Buildings illuminated with our Union flag. Three days of mourning... in Brazil. Glowing praise from world leaders, giants of global politics, rock stars, A-list actors.

Even Putin bizarrely sent his "condolences to the people of Great Britain".

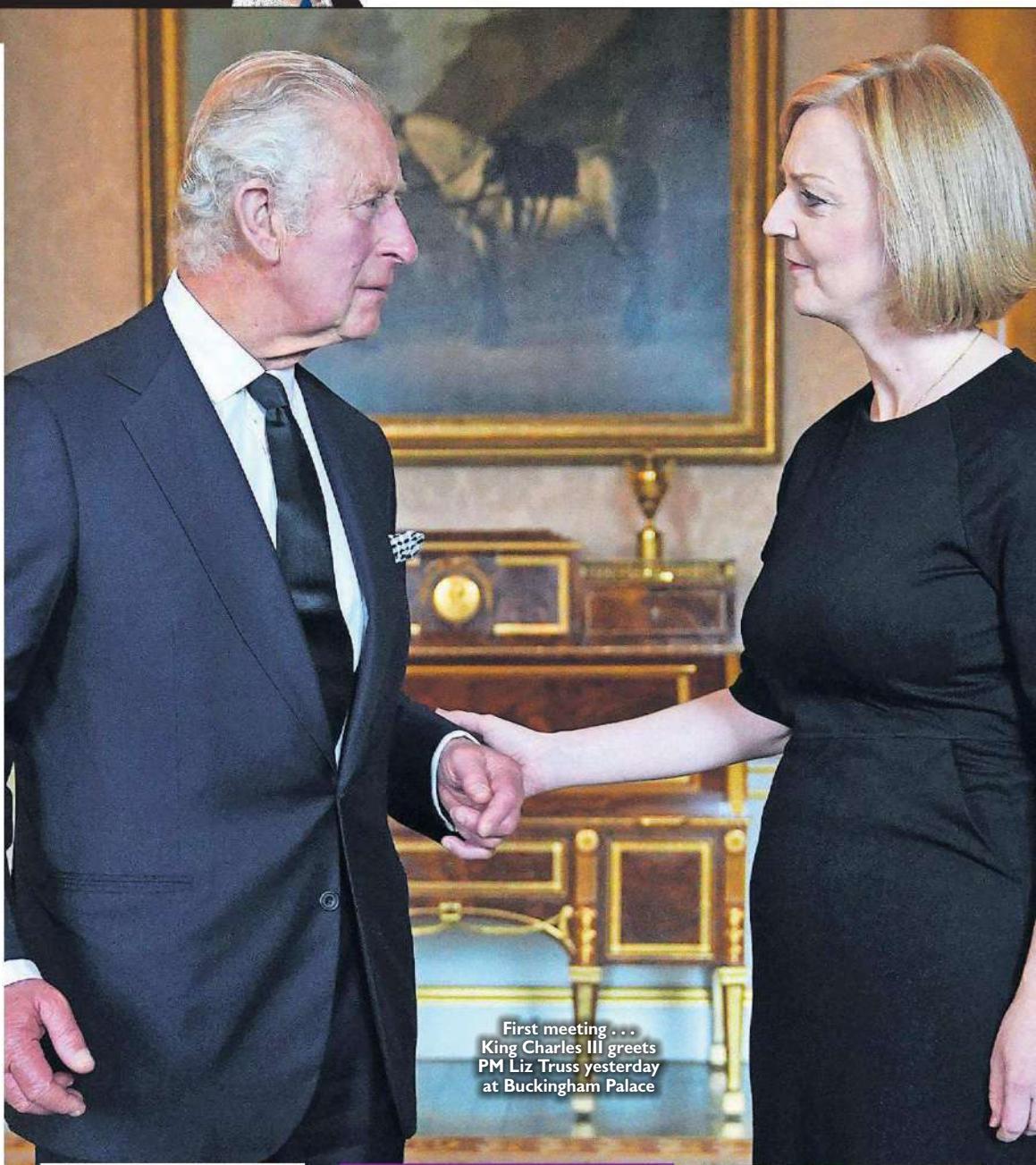
This isn't all just for the Queen. It's for Britain. She was, after all, "the rock on which modern Britain was built", as Liz Truss told MPs yesterday.

Spare a thought for the new PM. Her first five days may already seem an eternity. Elected on Monday, she has met the Queen, unveiled a vast energy bailout, handled Her Majesty's death and greeted the new King.

The most moving Commons tribute to the Queen was Boris Johnson's. He said she would consider her greatest feat as having prepared her son so well to follow her standards of duty and service.

Boris is surely right. At 73, our King has had decades to ponder his accession.

He has plainly spent them well, learning from the best there ever was.



First meeting...
King Charles III greets
PM Liz Truss yesterday
at Buckingham Palace



“She gave an example to us all of faith, of service, of duty, of dignity, of decency”

- FORMER PM THERESA MAY

“She showed the world how to give, how to love and how to serve”

- FORMER PM BORIS JOHNSON



QUEEN'S LIFE OF SERVICE

ELIZABETH THE GREAT



‘Her words of wisdom gave us strength in the most testing times’

- PRIME MINISTER LIZ TRUSS

By RYAN SABEY, NATASHA CLARK and JACK ELSOM

PRIME Ministers past and present paid emotional tribute to “Elizabeth the Great” yesterday before Liz Truss declared to the House of Commons: “God save the King.”

As she did so, cheers of approval erupted from MPs, who shouted back: “God save the King.”

Her call came hours before her first audience with Charles III at Buckingham Palace.

As she passed on her condolences, the King told her the death of his mother was “the moment I have been dreading, as I know a lot of people have.”

He also praised the well-wishers outside, and told Ms Truss: “We’ll try to keep everything going. Come, come have a seat.”

Earlier, Ms Truss – the last politician to see the Queen, when she was sworn in as PM on Tuesday – led ten hours of tributes at Westminster, saying the nation must not

Charles tells PM of his ‘dread’

fear what lies ahead. Addressing a Commons filled with MPs in black attire, she described Her Majesty as an “icon” who reinvented the monarchy for the modern age.

She said her successor bore an “awesome responsibility” which he carried for the whole country.

She added: “Even as he mourns,

his sense of duty and service is clear. We owe him our loyalty and devotion.

The British people, the Commonwealth and all of us in this House will support him as he takes our country forward to a new era of hope and progress. Our new Carolean age.

“The Crown endures. Our nation endures. And in that spirit, I say God save the King.”

She remarked on how the Queen was determined to carry out her duties even at the age of 96 when they met on Tuesday at Balmoral.

Ms Truss said: “Her words of wisdom gave us strength in the most testing times. “During the darkest moments of

the pandemic, she gave us hope that we would meet again.

“She knew this generation of Britons would be as strong as any. She was at the heart of our national life for seven decades.

“She reinvented the monarchy for the modern age. She brought the monarchy into people’s lives and into people’s homes.”

In his tribute, predecessor Boris Johnson praised her as “Elizabeth the Great” and said he “choked up” when recently asked to record a tribute by the BBC – and had to refer to her in the past tense.

He said: “She showed the world not just how to reign over people. She showed the world how to give, how to love and how to serve.”

Mr Johnson recalled her “innocent joy” when he told her one Middle Eastern leader believed she really had jumped out of a helicopter into the London Olympic Games opening ceremony in 2012 – as she had appeared to do in her celebrated James Bond skit. He

also told of her driving around Balmoral “at alarming speed” and with no bodyguards – much to the amazement of onlookers.

And, he added, she had shown the world how to keep going when times were toughest – from World War Two right through to the Covid pandemic. He reflected: “She said then, that in the end, all will be well. She was right.

“She helped to comfort and guide us because she had the patience and the sense of history.

“Elizabeth worked so hard for the good of her country, not just now, but for generations to come. “That is why we mourn so deeply. And it is in the depths of our grief that we understand why we loved her so much.”

In the Commons, ex-PM Theresa May recalled dropping a block of cheese at a Balmoral picnic and quickly popping it back – only to spin around to see the Queen had witnessed the whole incident.

She added: “She just smiled –

and the cheese remained on the table.” Mrs May added: She gave an example to us all of faith, of service, of duty of dignity, of decency.”

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer said the loss of the Queen “robs this country of its stillest point, its greatest comfort, at precisely the time we need those things most”.

He said the country was now “caught between a past we cannot relive and a future yet to be revealed”. But he insisted: “Her legacy will live on forever.”

Former Tory leader Iain Duncan Smith was visibly emotional as he recited a poem, saying: “We thought that love would last forever: we were wrong.”

In the Lords, ex-Labour minister Lord Blunkett, who is blind, recalled Her Majesty having to “shift him round” when he knelt the wrong way during an audience.

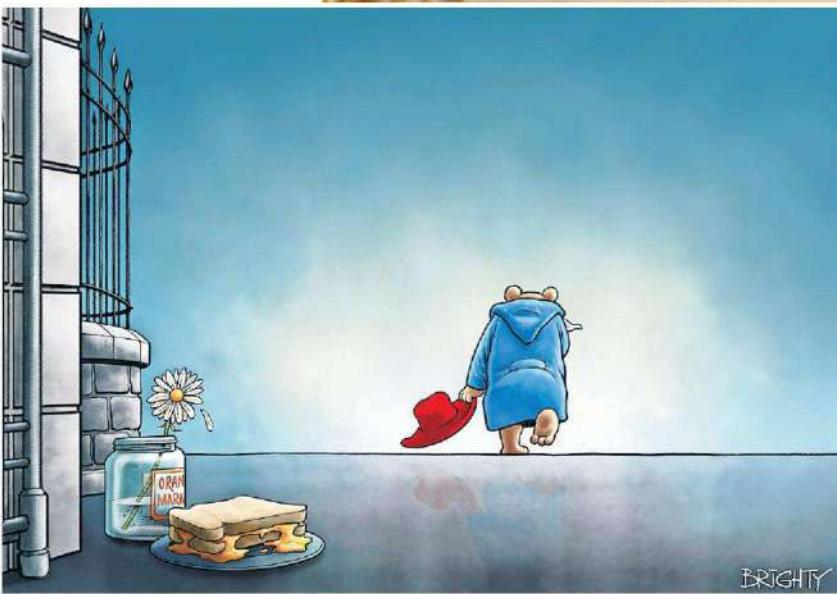
The Bishop of St Albans, the Rt Rev Alan Smith, recounted the time she sped off with him in her Range Rover. He said: “She taught me a great deal about prayer at that particular point.”

Later, the new King’s address was applauded by MPs, many in tears, after they watched on screens in the Commons.

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ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022

BEST HEAD



LIKE many people, I struggled to get to sleep on Thursday night.

However, unlike everyone else, I wasn't lying there thinking about the death of the Queen and how her passing means we've lost both the warp and the weft from our lives.

I was thinking about the early 1960s, when I was a pupil at Brodsworth primary school.

The haze of time and the wine I'd drunk meant the images were all a bit blurry. But I do recall there was a teacher called Mrs Burrell, and that every autumn we had to take vegetables to the local church. I'm not sure why.

I also remember that I produced many paintings, all of which were so bad that my mum and dad wouldn't even stick them on the fridge door.

I was thinking about all of this because it happened what feels like hundreds of years ago. And yet, even then, when I wore shorts and had a side parting, a broad Yorkshire accent and could only write if I stuck my tongue out, the Queen had already been on the throne for 15 years.

Our certainty in an uncertain world

It gets more mind-boggling, because when I was born, into a black and white world where kids got clipped round the ear by the village bobby for scrumping apples, and everyone with a penis was a man, she was already on her second Prime Minister and her second US President.

You should try this. Think of everything that's happened in your life. Your school days. Your first kiss. Your first job. Your first house. Your wedding. Your divorce. Your children being born. Your parents dying.

It'll feel like you are reaching back to the beginning of the universe.

But in all that time, through everything that's happened to you, you've had the same head of state. The same Queen.

It's hard to get our heads round this because everything else is so transient these days. Politicians. Pop stars. Everything comes and goes. Except the Queen.

And what's truly incredible is that she never really changed.

It was pointed out this week that she never went out of fashion because she was never in it.

That is so true. And so admirable.

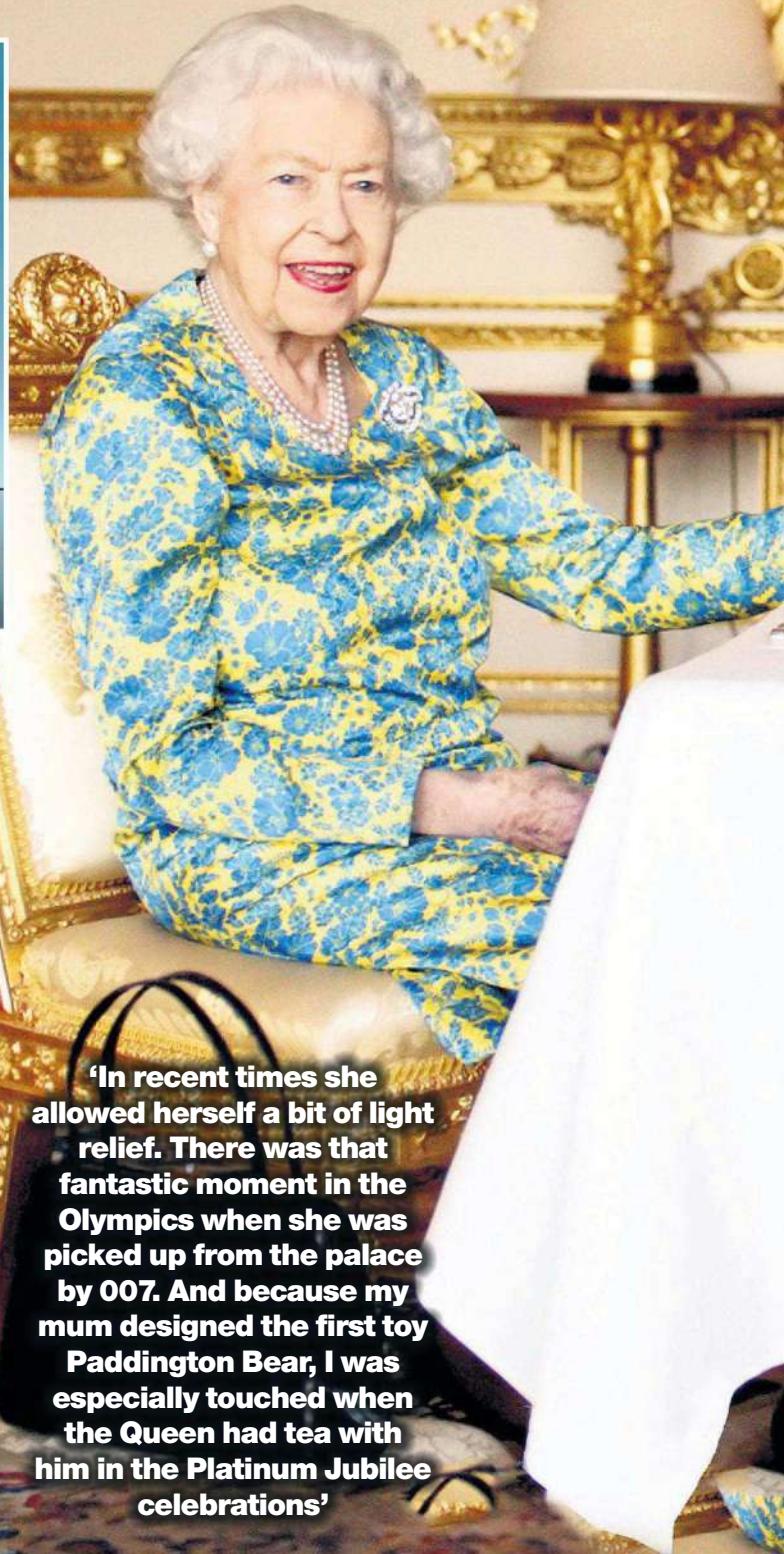
She didn't see herself, as Meghan does, as a clothes horse or an advertising hoarding for people who



HONOUR
... Jeremy Paxman and Queen in Oxford, 2004



HOHO7... in Olympics Bond skit with Daniel Craig



'In recent times she allowed herself a bit of light relief. There was that fantastic moment in the Olympics when she was picked up from the palace by 007. And because my mum designed the first toy Paddington Bear, I was especially touched when the Queen had tea with him in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations'

make frocks and earrings. She never even changed her hair. I like to think she was born with it like that. Year on year, Westminster Abbey altered more than she did.

I loved her for that, the fact that she very obviously chose her outfit to suit the prevailing weather conditions, not the latest issue of Vogue.

She was there to represent continuity, and that meant wearing the same coat for 40 years and the same shoes. Her Range Rover was even older than mine, and that's saying something.

Sure, in recent times she allowed herself a bit of light relief. There was that fantastic moment in the

Olympics opening ceremony when she was picked up from the palace by 007. And because my mum designed the first toy Paddington Bear. I was especially touched when the Queen had tea with him in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

But for all the rest of her 70 years on the throne she was just "The Queen".

She was our unchanging rock. Our certainty in an uncertain world.

And now she's gone.

We know she was 96 and we know that people die. But somehow, we always thought it would happen to her tomorrow, not today.

Which is why it's such an

enormous wrench. Far bigger than many of us thought it would be. I think, therefore, we should spend some time thinking about how she should be known in the future.

Many of Europe's kings and queens have handles by which we remember them. There was William the Conqueror, Rupert the Gentle, Philip the Fortunate, Henry the Fat, Ethelfred the Unready, Wenceslaus the Drunkard. And in Georgia, my favourite of them all, Dave the Builder.

In his excellent eulogy, Boris Johnson suggested we should remember our Queen as Elizabeth the Great, but we've used that handle before, on Alfred, who was

only on the throne for a miserable 28 years, not a scarcely believable 70. "Great" therefore doesn't quite cut it.

Maybe she should be remembered as Elizabeth the Duracell Bunny. But as she did so much more than sit there, endlessly banging a drum, I think she should be known as Elizabeth the Magnificent. Because she truly was.

It'd be hard to explain her job to a Martian, or even an American. As she herself said in her Christmas broadcast in 1957: "I cannot lead you into battle. I do not give you laws or administer justice."

Instead, she planted the odd tree and opened the odd village hall

OF STATE WORLD HAS SEEN



**Politicians, pop stars
...they come, they go.
But not the Queen.
So this is a wrench**

By **JEREMY CLARKSON**

and she did a lot of waving. And she was extremely good at not looking bored when boring people were talking to her.

I only met her once, but on the few occasions when I've been in the same room I've always been mesmerised as I watched people who were about to be introduced to her. It didn't matter how boisterous they were in normal life, or how successful, or how many super-yachts they had, they always looked knee-tremblingly nervous.

And then, after Her Majesty had flashed them a smile and shown them the twinkle in her eye, they'd always relax and embark on a boring golf club anecdote that had

no beginning, middle or end. And she'd stand there, never once giving the impression that she wanted them to have a cardiac arrest.

She must have wanted to shout at the top of her voice: "Oh for God's sake, you insufferable dullard, shut up". But she never did. Ever.

And she never woke up with a hangover so bad that she couldn't go to work.

And she never went on a weekend city break, on a whim. She never let people down.

I can't say that. I don't know anyone who can. Except the Queen. It's said her power came from God, and I don't know about that, but I do know her sense of duty

was superhuman. And that is what the Queen did for a job. She went around the country for day after day and month after month, for 70 years – 70 years! – being kind to people.

That's what she meant, in the same 1957 Christmas message, when she said: "I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations."

She was simply promising to be kind. Always. And she always was. Which is incredible. Most of us can't even keep a New Year's resolution for more than four days. She kept hers for seven decades. The woman must have had a

backbone made from steel. And so what of the future, now she gone?

Well, I don't think Charles will be a bad King – far from it. And I have high hopes for William as well.

Because the fact of the matter is that both of them have learned the ropes from an absolute master. Almost certainly the best head of state the world has ever seen.

Goodbye, Your Majesty. And thank you.

TEA ... with Paddington for her Jubilee

TOY MAKER
... Jeremy's
mum Shirley



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COUNTRIES

All of Oz united in sadness for Ma'am

By
MARK DAY
Ex-editor of The Australian paper

AUSTRALIA woke to the news that the sun had set on the second Elizabethan Age.

Our Ma'am, who had always been there for us, was no longer there.

Church bells rang out 96 times at noon in downtown Sydney. Army guns boomed 96 times in the capital, Canberra.

And the Queen's face beamed from the sails of the Sydney Opera House.

There was shock, sorrow and heartfelt condolences. But most of all, there was respect for a remarkable life of service.

Australia today is a vastly different country to the one Queen Elizabeth inherited in 1952.

There were eight million of us then; now there are 25million – a quarter born overseas, and a half with parents born overseas.

It is a great tribute to the Queen that these migrants mourned as deeply as those with British connections.

Anthony Albanese, her 15th Australian PM, reflected on her wise, curious, helpful nature.

TV dusted off footage of ex-PM Sir Robert Menzies saying: "I did but see her passing by, yet I will love her 'til I die." It was cringeworthy in 1963 and made the Queen blush but seemed strangely apt now.

Malcolm Turnbull, a former PM and head of the Australian Republican Movement, became emotional as he spoke of his great affection for the woman he tried to replace as Australia's head of state in 1999.

Today was all about respect. But it is inevitable the Queen's death will reignite the republican debate in Australia.

Will the Crown endure here? Probably not.

But King Charles III may not care. He knows it is an issue for the Australian people.



Macron with Union flag and tribute tweet

AUSTRALIA

Queen's image is beamed on Sydney Opera House. Below, statue in Adelaide



WORLD leaders yesterday saluted the stoicism, duty and kindness of The Queen.

Flags lowered to half mast in the US capital Washington, DC.

President Joe Biden described her as a "stateswoman of unmatched dignity and constancy" who "helped make our relationship special".

He added: "In a world of constant change, she was a steady presence and a source of comfort and pride for generations of

By NICK PARKER

Britons. She charmed us with her wit, moved us with her kindness, and generously shared with us her wisdom. Her legacy will loom large in the pages of British history, and in the story of our world."

Canadian PM Justin Trudeau met the Queen as a child when his dad was premier of the Commonwealth nation. He fought back tears as he said: "Canadians will always remember and cherish Her Majesty's wisdom, compassion and warmth. She

was an inspiring presence to be around, and led the country through some of our greatest and darkest moments with grace, decency and a genuine caring warmth."

French President Emmanuel Macron tweeted: "To you, she was your Queen. To us, she was The Queen. She will be with all of us forever.

"I remember her as a friend of France, a kind-hearted queen who has left a lasting impression on her country and her century."

Australia's PM Anthony Albanese said: "Australian hearts go out to the

people of the United Kingdom who mourn today, knowing they will feel they have lost part of what makes their nation whole.

"This is a loss we all feel, for few have known a world without Queen Elizabeth II. In her seven remarkable decades on the throne, Her Majesty was a rare and reassuring constant amidst rapid change.

"Through the noise and tumult of the years, she embodied and exhibited a timeless decency and an enduring calm."

New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern

QUEEN OF

PAY HEARTFELT TRIBUTES



CANADA

Ottawa's National Arts Centre



USA

Biden signs book of condolence at UK embassy in Washington

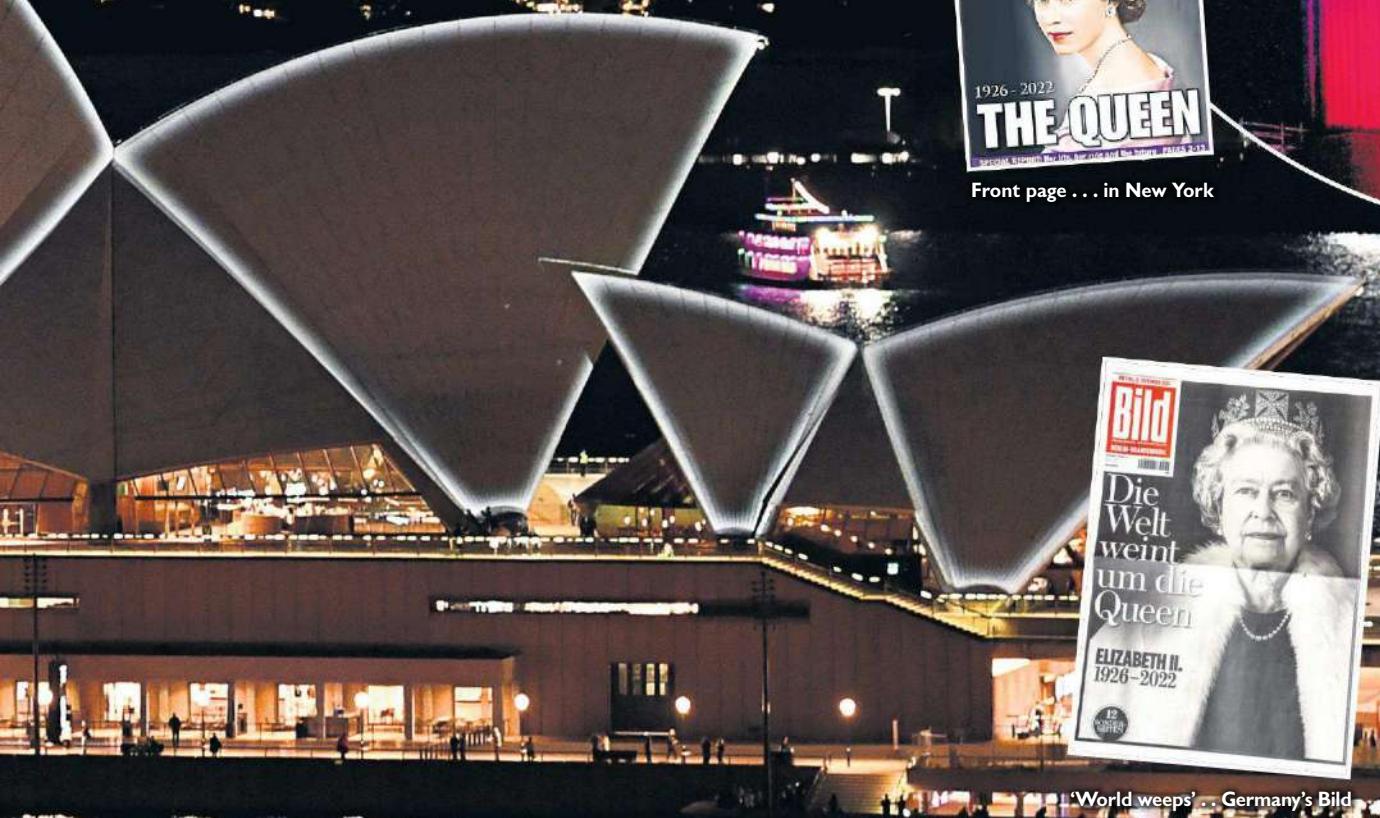


Front page ... in New York



BRAZIL

Christ the
Redeemer
turns red,
white and
blue in Rio



'World weeps' ... Germany's Bild



Putin ... with Queen in 2003

Even Vlad sends his sympathy

By NICK PARKER

WARMONGER Vladimir Putin saluted The Queen yesterday – but will not attend her state funeral.

The Russian president sent a telegram to King Charles III extending his sympathy and paying tribute to her service.

He wrote: "I wish you courage and perseverance in the face of this heavy, irreparable loss."

Putin first met the Queen in 2003 but riled her by being late.

Then-Home Secretary David Blunkett's guide dog barked at him.

Mr Blunkett apologised to the Queen, who said: "Dogs have interesting instincts, don't they?"

told how she was woken at 5am with the news. She said: "When that torchlight came into my room, I knew immediately what it meant.

"Here is a woman who gave her life, utterly, to the service of others."

Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz said the Queen was a role model and inspiration for his country.

He added: "Her commitment to German-British reconciliation after the horrors of World War II will not be forgotten. She will be missed, not least for her wonderful sense of humour."

President Volodymyr Zelensky

spoke of Ukraine's "deep sadness" at "this irreparable loss".

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said: "Her Majesty lived a remarkable life. Her legacy will be fondly remembered."

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the Queen "a stalwart of our times", adding: "She personified dignity and decency in public life."

Former US President Barack Obama recalled the Queen's kindness when he and First Lady Michelle met her. He said: "She welcomed us to the world stage with open arms and

extraordinary generosity. Time and again, we were struck by her warmth, the way she put people at ease, and how she brought her humour and charm to moments of great pomp and circumstance."

Fellow ex-President Donald Trump hailed the Queen's "generous friendship, great wisdom, and wonderful sense of humour". He added: "What a grand and beautiful lady she was. There was nobody like her."

Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, whose 50-year reign is now the longest in Europe, called the Queen "a towering figure among European monarchs and a great inspiration".

Pope Francis said: "I join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest."

"And in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth."

Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama wrote to King Charles III: "Your mother lived a meaningful life with dignity, grace, a strong sense of service and a warm heart – qualities we all should treasure."

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THE WORLD

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YOU SALUTE

WE were flooded with letters as you shared your devastation at the death of the Queen. Here is a selection, plus on the right, recollections of readers who met Her Majesty.

I CRIED when I heard the news of the passing of our great Queen. The country, and the world, has lost the greatest monarch that has ever lived. She was loved by everyone and the world will be at a loss without her. Let's put everything else aside while we mourn the passing of Her Majesty.

ALAN KING
Oldham, Lancs

I LOVED our dear Queen like my own mother and met her on a few occasions – when my father was High Sheriff of Greater London and when he received a knighthood from her at Buckingham Palace.

I was struck by her humbleness and ability to make people of all classes feel special.

A true icon in a troubled world.

ROBERT TITCHENER-BARRETT
West London

REST in peace Ma'am, a wonderful, dignified and dutiful lady with a wicked sense of humour.

We owe you a great debt for all you have done for us as an ambassador for our country and as a role model to aspire to.

Your sacrifices were made with good grace, however difficult they may have been. To the Royal Family, our deepest condolences at this terrible time. God bless you all.

LISA ROHLAND
Dudley, West Mids

CAN you imagine being employed in the same job for 70 years?

Elizabeth, you were the epitome of hard work, dedication and duty to your country, a major example to Great Britain for a Great British Institution. God Bless You Ma'am. Rest in peace.

GARY LILLEY
South Shields

A VERY sad day. No one in history has done more for this country for so many years. The Queen truly was the best ambassador we could ever have had.

Having vowed a lifetime commitment when she came to the throne, she worked tirelessly, until two days before she died. God bless you Ma'am.

IAN DARKES
Worthing, West Sussex

ALL my life I have cherished the memory of the day the beautiful Queen waded to me.

She came to Paisley when I was ten or 11. I was the only child waving to her on her way in.

Prince Philip spotted me and pointed me out and they both waved in my direction.

Thank you for being our Queen and for working so hard all these years. Proud to have you as my Queen. Rest in peace with Philip. You've earned it, Your Majesty.

DONNA GRIEVE
Paisley, Renfrewshire

YOUR Majesty, you have been a Queen worthy of our love and admiration throughout your glorious reign. I will forever hold you dear in my heart. RIP and go and rest with your beloved husband and consort Prince Philip.

You certainly did as promised on your Coronation, serving your subjects and country with honour, grace and dignity your whole life. I am deeply sad at your passing but for ever grateful for your service.

TIM O'CONNELL
Middlesex

QUIET strength, dedication to her family and the nation, I am so sad at the passing of our Queen.

In these troubled times, Queen Elizabeth understood our fears and looked to a better future for all of us. Her long reign of selfless service

OUT on her bike as a child, Nikki Crane nearly ploughed into the Queen. Nikki, 64, of Windsor, Berks, recalled: "I ran into the flock of corgis and nearly ran her over. I ended up skidding on my backside down to the bottom of a slope, with foliage sticking out of my hair. "Somewhat dishevelled, I dragged myself up the slope, buckled bike in tow, to find the Queen in her headscarf, peering over the bank, asking, 'Are you all right?' I desperately tried to remember how to address her.

"I'm feeling enormous nostalgia. She created such a firm foundation for us as individuals, the country and the world. "She brought colour and life to everything and a sense of dignity and pride. We are all feeling the loss."

No one in our history has done more for this country

will never be matched. We have lost a wise friend who cared deeply for her people. RIP Your Majesty.

MARY WINDSOR
Mansfield, Notts

QUEEN Elizabeth dedicated her life and heart to her people. True to her word until the end, no matter what she was going through in her personal life, she was there for us. Now reunited with her loving husband. Please wrap your arms around our Queen.

SUSAN WALKER
Newport, Gwent

IT is with a heavy heart that the nation mourns our beloved Queen Elizabeth.

What a sad day for the royals and the people of the UK.

The Queen was a magnificent woman, a true inspiration to us all in her years of service to her people. She will be sadly missed.

SUZY PORTER
Downpatrick, Co Down

HER Majesty never put a foot wrong in her long reign.

She was devoted to the country and Commonwealth. Her integrity

and wisdom served the nation well. History will record this. God bless you, Ma'am.

NICK FLETCHER
Malton, North Yorkshire

THE Queen will be sadly missed. She was a kind-hearted person who loved her country and tried her best to be a good ruler.

Her remarkable 70-year reign will probably never be repeated, and throughout her life, and sometimes scandals, she kept her head up high and did us proud. I feel for her family that she is no longer at

the helm. Charles has big shoes to fill. His mother set a precedent of exceptional performance. I hope he makes her proud.

ANNA HAMMETT
Neston, Cheshire

MY wife and I are so very sad at the passing of our wonderful, caring, compassionate Queen, who has reigned and led our great country over the past 70 years.

It was only a short time ago we received a personal signed photograph celebrating our 70th wedding anniversary from Her

THE SPIRIT OF THE NATION



BUNCH DATE...
inundated with flowers
from delighted crowds
during 2018 visit to a
Windsor day centre

Majesty featuring her lovely smile. She lit up the world and everyone who had the pleasure to meet her. Rest in peace Ma'am.

BILL FISH
Havant, Hants

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 will go down as one of our saddest days. Watching so many people brushing away tears made you realise how much our wonderful Queen was loved.

TERRY WILLIAMS
Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex

THE whole world is mourning the

death of our beloved Queen. She endured many difficult times while maintaining her dignity and never letting down her people or her beloved country.

Our lives will never be the same without her and her wonderful smile and manners. She was our very steady, irreplaceable rock.

Her son Charles has a huge job trying to step into her shoes. He must get the respect he deserves.

He and his family have lost a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. The loss must be

unbearable and our love and thoughts go to all her family.

CHRISTINA BROOKS
Shanklin, Isle of Wight

OUR wonderful Queen's death has left myself and my family devastated.

She was all we have ever known and has been a rock for this country, no matter what the crisis. There will never be anyone like her.

She has been amazing and in her 70-year reign has served this country magnificently and faultlessly. She will be missed so

much and our hearts go out to King Charles III and her family.

VALERIE RITCH
St Ives, Cambs

AS a seven-year-old I still remember being squashed into our middle room with my three brothers and sister, aunts and my parents, to watch on a small screen the coronation of our late Queen.

Her Majesty has been the one solid thing in all the turbulence of the past 70 years our country has gone through.

I feel sad but proud to have lived

through her reign. May God give her family strength and comfort to know the love that this country, the Commonwealth and beyond had for her. Rest in peace and God save the King.

GEORGE WILKINSON
Romford, Essex

WELL done to The Sun for a fitting tribute to our Queen. No one deserves it more for her service to our country and the world. RIP Your Majesty, reunited with her beloved husband Philip.

EDDIE MARRIS
Doncaster

QUEEN Elizabeth II's dedication and commitment to serving the UK and Commonwealth endured to the last few days of her life.

She has been a constant blanket of security for the nation and we shall all miss her.

In the sketch during the Platinum Jubilee this year, Paddington Bear so succinctly yet perfectly said what the nation was thinking: "Thank you, Ma'am, for everything."

DIANE SILVA
Bournemouth

WE have lost not only a great Queen but a great lady who never put a foot wrong during her 70-year reign.

It is like losing a member of your own family. I'll never forget that happy smile, her dignity and overall natural warmth. RIP Ma'am.

LES HOLT
Prestwich,
Manchester

WHEN I think of world-famous ladies from the past like Cleopatra, Joan of Arc, Queen Victoria and Florence Nightingale, none can compare to our cherished Queen Elizabeth II. She was world-renowned, of historical greatness and never forgot a face.

RICHARD FARRAR
Chelsea, West London

IN all the tributes paid to the Queen following her death, no one mentioned her main contribution to the Royal Family. She was a very astute businesswoman and turned The Firm into a worldwide brand. Her personal fortune was some £500,000,000.

JOHN J KEARNS
Gosforth, Newcastle

OUR beloved Queen didn't rule her people, she served them. Thank God for her.

PHILLIP MILLER
Wigan, Gtr Manchester

THE Queen was a constant for our country and it is incredible she worked right to the end.

Her Platinum Jubilee showed how much the nation loves her.

We held a minute's silence at work at 11am. All 1,000 people on site at the boiler manufacturing firm where I work stood together in solidarity, showing respect.

SUSANNE ALBUTT
Worcester

I ARRANGED Big Lunch street parties and was honoured to visit the Palace. It was awe-inspiring – and inspiring people is what the Queen did throughout her life.

It's the end of an era. She certainly honoured her 21st birthday promise to serve her country through her life.

Gwen Cook
Leigh-on-Sea, Essex

WE have lost the most important person in the world. She always put duty to the Crown before everything else and has been a beacon of hope and light for us all in the toughest times.

She is free from the constraints of her birthright, and can now be with her beloved husband Philip.

Our thoughts go to the Royal Family, and we now wonder how things will ever be the same again. RIP our dearly beloved Queen.

ASHLEY SMITH
March, Cambs

Send your tributes and memories to queenandme@thesun.co.uk or add to our online condolences book at bit.ly/3TVUKxv.



ABERFAN disaster survivor Jeff Edwards met the Queen in 2012, above, more than 40 years after being pulled from the rubble of his school buried by coal slip. Jeff, 52, said: "Straight away the Queen said, 'Oh, you're the young lad with the white hair'. "She had remembered the pic-

ture of me being carried out by Tom Harding, the greengrocer, inset. All the ambulances had gone, so I was taken to hospital in the back of a grocer's van with the cabbages. "She has met thousands of people. For her to remember somebody who came out of a disaster with white hair was emotional."



RACHEL DRISCOLL was working at Battersea Dogs and Cats Home in London in March 2015 when the Queen and Prince Philip visited.

She and her German shepherd rescue dog Suki were part of a guard of honour to greet the royals.

Rachel, 42, from Dartford, Kent, says: "The dogs were on their best behaviour. Then, as the Queen was

walking by, Suki decided to sniff her handbag. The Queen made a fuss of Suki, stroking her head, above. It was such a surreal moment. Her Majesty told me she thought Suki was a lovely dog, but the thing I'll remember most is her beautiful smile.

"Prince Philip was walking behind the Queen and laughing at the whole episode."



MARYLYNN DOMLEO was a housekeeper for the Premier of Quebec, Robert Bourassa, who the Queen visited in 1987.

Brit Marilyn, 72, recalls: "Mr Bourassa told the Queen all about me and she asked to meet me.

"We chatted for 15 minutes, I'm still surprised I managed to string sentences together. She asked me all about how I ended up in Canada

and what life had been like for me when I was younger back in the UK.

"A photographer took lots of pictures of us chatting. A few weeks after, a beautiful ivory photo album appeared in the post, addressed to me from Buckingham Palace.

"Her Majesty had printed all the pictures of our meeting and had them put into an album for me. I cried. It was so thoughtful."

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SCANDALS OF

CHARLES I

Dissolved Parliament because MPs defied his demands over money. Later declared war on it but ended up being tried for treason and beheaded

I'm King of the

FOUR hundred years since the last King Charles was crowned, we have a new monarch bearing the same name.

The previous Charles was a ladies' man who had 13 illegitimate children and whose favourite meal was scrambled eggs seasoned with whale vomit.

Before him there was Charles I, executed in 1649 for high treason, to make way for a short-lived royal under Oliver Cromwell.

And there was even an attempt to install a Charles III, until pretender to the throne Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated at the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

Based on the sadness and scandal that clung to his royal namesakes, it was by no means certain that the Queen's son would

By ELEANOR SPROWSON,
EMILY FAIRBAIRN and
KATY DOCHERTY

style himself King Charles when he took the throne.

While his mother chose her Christian name as her regnant title, royals throughout history have given themselves new names for ruling.

Four of the past six monarchs changed their name, including the Queen's father, who was known as Prince Albert before he took the regnant name of King George VI, and Queen Victoria, who shed her Christian name of Alexandrina.

It has previously been reported that the Prince of Wales planned to reject the Charles III title, due to its association with some of history's bloodiest periods.

Two trusted friends told The Times in 2005 that he favoured becoming George VII, as a tribute

to his much-loved grandfather. One said: "The name Charles is tinged with so much sadness."

But on Thursday it was revealed that Charles would adopt his own name as his regnant title – just like his mother did.

On coming to the throne aged 24, a young Elizabeth was quizzed by her private secretary Martin Charteris which name she would use as monarch.

She responded: "My own, of course."

She knew she would be compared to Elizabeth I but she was undaunted by the prospect of ushering in another Elizabethan age.

It was quite by accident that she did so, as when her parents named her they had no idea she would be thrust into the line of succession by her uncle's abdication.

Charles doing the same was a risky choice, considering Charles I was beheaded after tyrannical rule.

It is not clear why the Queen and Prince Philip chose to give their firstborn the name of a King whose disastrous reign nearly brought the monarchy to an end.

At the time of Charles's birth in 1629, it was said the couple just liked the name.

The first King Charles only became sovereign by a twist of fate, when his elder brother Prince Henry died of typhoid aged 18.

Charles was 11 years old, sickly and shy with a stammer.

But he doggedly tried to turn himself into someone worthy of following his father James I, who as James VI of Scotland had inherited the English crown from his cousin, Elizabeth I.

The prince tried to cure his stammer by speaking with pebbles in his mouth, and went for a jog every morning in St James's Park to get fitter.

But after becoming King in 1625, aged 24, he infuriated Parliament

and the people by demanding huge amounts of money, which he splurged on the most expensive artworks he could find.

Sick of fighting with MPs, Charles dissolved Parliament in 1629 and ruled alone, making himself even more unpopular by introducing heavy taxes.

He grudgingly allowed MPs to sit again in 1642, but it did not go well and this time the King declared war on Parliament.

Charles was captured during the ensuing Civil War, tried for treason and beheaded in January 1649.

His eldest son Charles was 18 years old and had fled England, but now returned at the head of an army to try to win back his crown.

But he was defeated by Oliver Cromwell's Parliamentary forces in Worcester in 1651.

Charles then spent six weeks on the run, disguised as a servant – at one point only evading capture

THE ROYAL NAMESAKES

CHARLES II

Charles I's son was dubbed Merry Monarch because of his boozing and womanising but led country through the Plague and Great Fire of London

Charleses

by hiding up a tree. He ended up escaping to Europe, but in a surprise twist years later was invited back to take the crown when the English republic crumbled in the wake of Cromwell's death. All he had to do was promise to cooperate with Parliament.

Charles II returned to England in May 1660, and bonfires were lit in every town to welcome him home.

The public was sick of war and the Puritans, who were so against fun they had banned Christmas festivities. It was time to party.

Charles, the "Merry Monarch", was the right man for the times. He was the sort of king who pulled over in the middle of his coronation procession to go into a pub and to kiss a baby.

He was our first monarch to love chocolate – believing it to be an aphrodisiac that would give "sap to the testicles".

And when a thief stole his brand new Crown Jewels – flattening the

crown with a mallet for easier transport, trying to saw the sceptre in half and stashing the orb into his breeches – Charles found the escapade so funny he let him off scot free and gave him a pension.

Endearingly, one of his favourite hobbies was feeding the ducks at St James's Park.

Charles II also led his country through an action hero when the Great Fire of London broke out in 1666.

He was on the scene for days without sleeping, urging people to pull down houses to create firebreaks, passing buckets of water and organising food for those left homeless.

He was enormously popular, and most of his subjects even seemed to enjoy his womanising.

His mistresses became famous in their own right, especially former orange seller "pretty, witty" Nell Gwynn.

Charles, who had 13 offspring by

many women, handed out titles to the children and loved them all.

But he never had children with his queen, Catherine of Braganza.

And he refused to divorce her to marry another woman who might have secured the succession, even after the agonies he had gone through to get the Crown.

He died in 1685 after tucking into his favourite meal of eggs topped with grated ambergris – a "delicacy" which is the hardened vomit of whales.

Before our new King, there was another prince who had his eyes on being Charles III.

Scotland's Bonnie Prince Charlie was a poetic hero, known as the Young Pretender, who grew up in exile in France after the house of Stuart was ousted from rule.

His father James Stuart was grandson of catholic James II, who lost the throne to William and Mary of Orange. Bonnie Prince

CHARLES III

Our new King will be given the crown, orb and sceptre of Charles II at his coronation and will bear his own name – despite the scandals of his ancestors



Honour ... Katherine

Jenkins records first new anthem

By JAMES SOMPER

KATHERINE Jenkins yesterday recorded the first version of the new national anthem for the BBC since the Queen's death.

The classical singer's rendition of God Save the King was captured in a small church in Sussex.

It closed yesterday's extended World At One on BBC Radio 4.

Jenkins, who performed at the Queen's 90th and at her Platinum Jubilee, had a silent prayer before "singing from the heart".

Speaking yesterday, she said: "I have only the fondest memories of singing the national anthem for Her Majesty the Queen."

"While my heart is heavy with grief, singing this today for the first time is a huge honour."

"It was sung with the belief that King Charles III's reign will be happy and glorious."

Bells ring in tribute

CHURCH bells rang around the country for an hour yesterday to honour the Queen. Peals sounded from noon to 1pm at landmarks including Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral in London, as well as cathedrals in Leeds, Manchester and Glasgow.

The bells were muffled for a more solemn sound.

The Church of England sent out guidance to the nation's 16,000 parish churches, chapels and cathedrals as part of Operation London Bridge.

6p-a-pint pub toast

GRIEVING pub-goers drowned their sorrows yesterday for 6p a pint – the cost when the Queen acceded to the throne.

Beers were some £3.89 cheaper than the average pint nationally so punters could celebrate Her Majesty's life at 1952 prices.

The cheap ale sale at The Entwistle Hotel in Darwen, Lancs, lasted an hour before reverting to modern-day prices.

The pub said: "We are a community local and we want to let our loyal customers celebrate her life with a pint and toast Her Majesty for 6p."

26YRS AFTER MANCHESTER HELL.

MAN HELD OVER 1996 BOMBING



Bloodied... blast casualty

By RICHARD MORIARTY

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of being involved with the 1996 IRA bombing of Manchester.

He was held on suspicion of terrorism offences at Birmingham airport on Thursday night.

The suspect is being questioned by counter-terror cops.

Hundreds were injured when the IRA drove a truck loaded with 1,500kg of explosives into Manchester city centre and detonated it on Corporation Street.

More than 80,000 people had been evacuated after a warning call using a recognised codeword.

Miraculously, no one died in the attack on June 15 – the day England played

Scene of devastation
... debris in street
after huge explosion



100s injured..but no-one ever charged

Scotland at Euro 96. It was the UK mainland's largest bomb since World War Two. No one has ever been charged over it.

Detective Supt Andrew Meeks, head of investigations for Counter Terrorism Policing North West, said: "Hundreds of people were left with

injuries – many of which were life changing – many more were affected by what happened on that day.

"We have always been committed to holding those responsible for the attack to account and bringing them to justice. We have been reinvestigating for several

years; with a team of dedicated detectives re-examining the original case files and pursuing new lines of inquiry.

"Following the arrest, we have contacted victims of this horrific attack to ensure that they are updated."

Police undertook a review of the evidence following the

attack's 25th anniversary last summer, which they said produced "new, albeit limited, investigative opportunities".

The IRA had previously attacked Manchester in December 1992 when two devices left 64 people injured. richard.moriarty@the-sun.co.uk

UK WAGES FALL

THE UK has seen one of the biggest falls in real wages among the 38 OECD member countries.

New data shows the value of pay adjusted for inflation dropped by 2.9 per cent between 2021 and 2022.

This compared to 2.3 per cent across the bloc, the Organisation for Economic

CHANGES IN YOUR TV MAG

TODAY'S TV Mag was printed before the announcement of the Queen's death, so some listings will have changed, and due to extra copies of today's Sun being printed, some may not contain the mag. We apologise for any inconvenience.

SUPER SCANNER

A NEW X-ray method that also uses artificial intelligence could help detect items usually hard to spot in regular scans.

It could revolutionise security checks for drugs, illegal wildlife and explosives as well as healthcare.

Experts at University College London found tiny

bends in X-ray beams as they move through objects of different textures.

Professor Sandro Olivio said: "The tiny bends have always been there, but they are invisible to conventional X-ray systems, so this allows us to access a huge amount of previously untapped information."



WEATHER
with TALK TV's NAZANEEN GHAFAR

TODAY: Early mist patches will soon clear, then mainly dry but cloudy, with a risk of showers later in eastern England and Wales. Cloud will break, leaving sunny spells, with the best in the evening.
TONIGHT: Overnight will be generally dry with long, clear spells, although mist and fog patches will form. Areas of low cloud will build by dawn. Mostly light to gentle southerly winds.
OUTLOOK: Tomorrow mostly cloudy, with rain in north and west, locally heavy. Drier and sunnier in the south and east but cloud will build. Monday largely cloudy, with rain tracking south and east.



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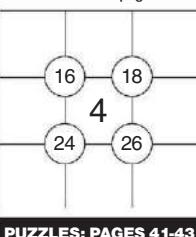
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Today's birthdays

ENGLAND soccer star JACK GREALISH, 27, left, actor COLIN FIRTH, 62, Bananarama's SIOBHAN FAHEY, 64, right, and England cricketer EOHIN MORGAN, 36.
●Last night's Health Lottery numbers: 3, 11, 27, 37, 45. Bonus: 46. EuroMillions: 17, 23, 24, 26, 27. Lucky Stars: 4, 9.



Package... Liz Truss

Bills deal will fight inflation

By ASHLEY ARMSTRONG

LIZ Truss's rescue package on energy bills will help bring down inflation – but interest rates will still need to rise further, experts warn.

The new PM's decision to freeze the typical household energy bill at £2,500 a year for two years will address the biggest cause of runaway inflation, analysts at Deutsche Bank said.

They believe inflation will peak nearer to 10.5 per cent, rather than the Bank of England's August prediction of 13 per cent.

Other analysts said the UK will avoid a "protracted recession".

But financial markets still expect another significant interest rate rise of either 0.5 per cent or even 0.75 per cent. It could take the cost of borrowing to 2.5 per cent.

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5-WEEK FELLA TO BE 5TH HUBBY

Patsy: Five found my Mr Right

ACTRESS KENSIT IS SECRETLY ENGAGED

ACTRESS Patsy Kensit is to marry for the fifth time after secretly getting engaged to her boyfriend of just five weeks.

The former Emmerdale star, 54, said "yes" to multi-millionaire property tycoon Patric Cassidy on Tuesday.

The couple were introduced through mutual pals and it comes three months after she hinted she

EXCLUSIVE by CLEMMIE MOODIE, Assistant Editor (Showbiz)

would never marry again. A friend said last night: "This has been a whirlwind romance."

"Patsy and Patric are smitten, and it just feels very right. He popped the question at Scott's fish restaurant in London on Tuesday.

"After she celebrated, they took over the bar at the Connaught Hotel and bought the room Cristal champagne. They've only officially

been together a matter of weeks but Patsy is going with her heart."

Patsy, also a model and lead singer with Eighth Wonder in the 1980s, was first married to musician Dan Donovan from 1988 to 1991.

She was wed to Simple Minds frontman Jim Kerr from 1992 to 1996 and they have a son James, 29.

In 1997 she married Oasis singer Liam Gallagher. They had a son, Lennon, now 21, but split in 2000.

Her fourth marriage, to DJ Jeremy Healy, lasted a year to 2010.

Patsy revealed in June that she only counts the fathers of her children as her "significant" marriages, after joking she had tied the knot with everyone she dated.

She said: "Well, I married all my boyfriends, so that was something I've learned I needn't do."

"I can't change the rules of the law but I was with Jim, and Lennon's dad for years, so I kind of count them as my two marriages. I know that's not allowed, I know there was a ceremony. But I feel

that those were the really significant relationships, very deep and wonderful in so many ways."

Patsy played Sadie King in Emmerdale from 2004 to 2006 and vowed never to walk down the aisle again during 2015's Celebrity Big Brother. She insisted: "I'm a hopeless romantic and wanted all my marriages to work."

"But I don't think I will ever get married again. I think I've ruined the sanctity of it."

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HELTER SHELTER RIDE

A TRAVEL blogger has travelled to the four corners of Britain to tick off its most far-flung bus shelters.

Roger French completed his mission by visiting the most westerly on Vater-say in the Outer Hebrides.

The retired bus company boss, who writes the Bus And Train User blog,

found the isolated shelter was run down but said: "There is a postbox right next to it, which gives it a lovely setting."

Mr French has already ticked off the most northerly bus shelter on Unst in Shetland, the most southerly at The Lizard in Cornwall and the most easterly in Lowestoft, Suffolk.

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FRY-UP fan Don Gilbert, 82, has tucked into a full English brekkie at the same Poppins Café in Worcester almost every day for the last 30 years.

SPOT

HENRY 8, BOOTS 2

THE world's first pair of football boots were made for Henry VIII, a historian has claimed.

The 16th century monarch commissioned the footwear to play an early version of the sport – but they had no studs, according to expert Greg Jenner. Henry is said to have been a big fan

of footie – despite once trying to ban it because it incited riots.

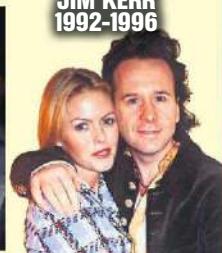
Author Greg said on his You're Dead To Me podcast: "Made from Italian leather, he had them specially commissioned for him. They probably weren't like Adidas Predators and I'm not sure his first touch was that good in them."



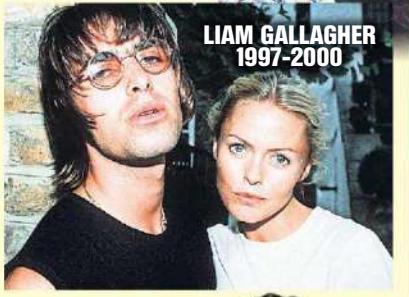
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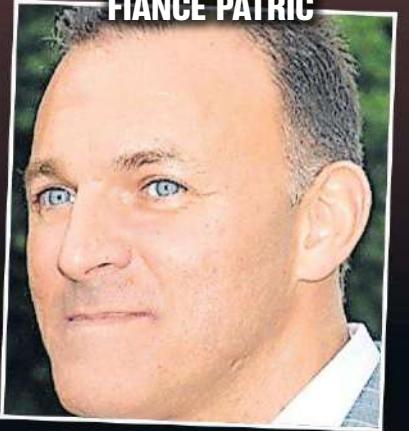
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HOW HER MAJ'S TUPPERWARE GOT LOST

WHILE my friendship with Prince Edward was reasonably brief and largely platonic, he was actually a caring soul.

At the time we knew each other, I developed glandular fever (the kissing disease, say no more). Anyone who has been afflicted knows it's horrendously debilitating and I went to stay with my parents to recuperate.

Bear in mind, this was back in the days without mobile phones. If you needed to speak to someone, you had to use a landline and phone their home.

One morning, Prince Edward phoned and

asked how I was and would I mind if he popped over for a cuppa that afternoon. He was at Windsor, which was only minutes away from where my parents lived.

You can't say no, can you?

My mother flapped. We had no posh china. I was flapping because I must have looked like death, not even warmed up.

Anyway, he arrived – security in tow.

We had tea and he gave me some homeopathic tablets he believed might help my recovery. Undoubtedly recommended to him by his brother, now our new King Charles III, who is an advocate of complementary medicine and healing. I was

humbled by his thoughtfulness. Then he presented me with a Tupperware box in which there was some summer pudding. I'd mentioned that I loved it, at one of our dinners.

When he left, my mother nearly fainted.

We were in possession of some of The Queen's Tupperware. This was quite unbelievable. Forget the visit, we had Her Majesty's Tupperware.

We treasured it for some time. Then I suspect it got lost in that great big cupboard of plastic hell all kitchens have.

But what a souvenir that would have been.



FRIENDS ... Ulrika with Prince Edward

LIKE the rest of the nation, I've been left nothing short of bereft at the news of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

It is almost impossible to find words to add to all those already spoken and written about this irrepressible woman. A woman each and every one of us had some form of relationship with. A woman very few of us really knew and yet all knew so well.

So, I write merely from the heart. It is no exaggeration when I say that it felt like she was part of my identity. Her public presence in my life helped shape much of what I came to know and learn about the world and myself since I landed on these shores in 1979, a year which saw the UK's first female Prime Minister and already a reigning female monarch. This, for me, as an impressionable young girl from one of the most egalitarian countries in the world, was awe-inspiring.

I revered Her Majesty because she was, quite simply incomparable. Her tenacity and resilience humbled me. She was stoic and her work ethic was like nothing I had ever witnessed. I held it in such high regard that I would often refer to it whenever my own might flounder. I would ask myself: "What would the Queen do?" And I knew that answer was that she would go to work, plough on and never yield.

On tenterhooks

It is hard to describe the feeling of having an affinity with someone who so clearly keeps her distance from her subjects. But that is how the connection with her felt.

I never did come across her on any of my half dozen or so visits to Buckingham Palace during my friendship with her son, Prince Edward, around 1987-88. I would be waved through the gates by the duty policemen, park my second-hand Fiat Panda in the courtyard and was then free to make my way up to his apartment uninterrupted.

My heart would beat so fast in fear of inadvertently bumping into Her Majesty. The thought of me walking the same corridors as her was somewhat mind-blowing.

Alas, she never did become my mother-in-law – boo-hoo.

My union with her son was never on the cards on account of me being too gobby, too Swedish, too common and too bow-legged, but probably mostly because we were never in a proper relationship.

Nonetheless, although my friendship with Prince Edward did not last, my relationship and connection with the Queen endured. She was a constant, always there in the background like some immovable, untouchable pillar that stood on the sidelines as you travelled the path of life's ups and downs.

She dipped in and out of all our lives with her public appearances and speeches that never gave away too much but just enough to keep us connected.

And then, for me, came a life in the public eye and countless encounters with celebrities and other royalty. But it wasn't until

How you doing?



DON'T BLOW IT - D'OH! ... Ulrika and Lance chat with the Queen

I met the Queen... and was a bit too gobby. But I think she secretly liked it

2005 that I was actually given the opportunity to meet Her Majesty.

I'd been asked to give a reading at a carol service on behalf of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, with the Queen in attendance.

Everyone was on tenterhooks. Then just before the service was about to commence, a message came through that Her Majesty would not be present.

For me, there was some relief but also grave disappointment.

As compensation, some months later all of us were invited to a

reception at St James's Palace to meet this most amazing lady.

We were instructed how to behave, how to pronounce "Ma'am" and told sternly that we should not speak to Her Majesty until she had spoken to us.

As we lined up, I could feel my nerves overwhelming me. I'd never felt like it with any other famous person but this was a different kettle of fish.

I was introduced. I looked at this incredible, formidable, slight woman with a kind face before me and

felt momentarily dumbstruck. She looked at me. I curtsied. There was a silence. It seemed like an awfully long silence to me.

For someone who is never short of words, the silence seemed to drag. It may have only lasted five seconds but it felt like five hours.

At which point, this gobby Swede broke the ice with: "How are you doing?"

I can't even recall whether she answered but I knew instantly I'd broken the rules. My husband at the time, Lance, a former Army

officer, wanted to die of embarrassment and shame.

So, there you go. I met the Queen and I messed it up.

But I'm secretly sure she was pleased someone else started the conversation, for a change.

I walked away from that reception punishing myself for being such a fool and thinking: "What would the Queen do?"

She would have stuck to the rules, Ulrika. That's what she would have done.

Wonderful woman that she was.

ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



NEW KING'S

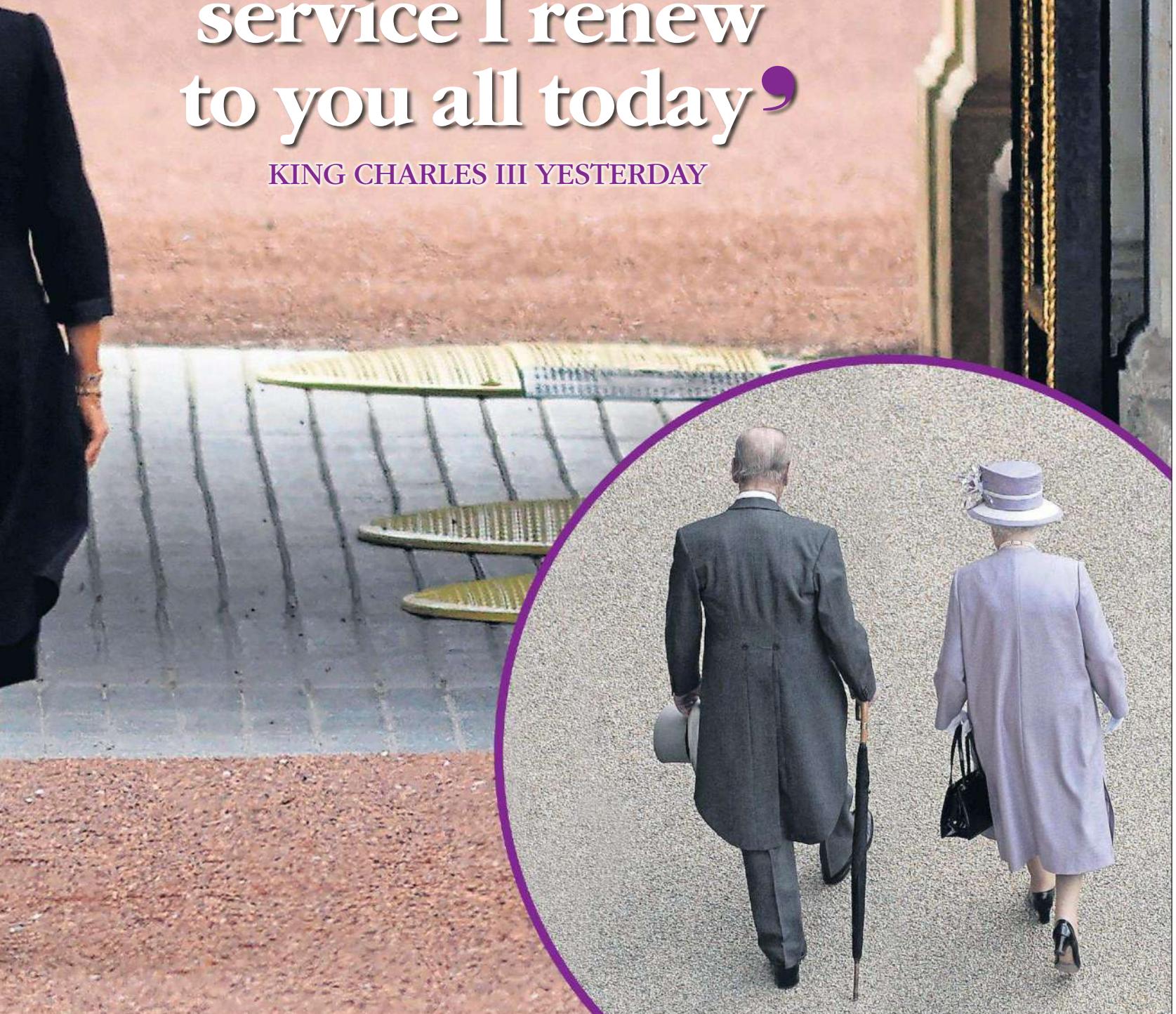


Back to the future... King Charles and wife Camilla walk through the gates of Buckingham Palace yesterday to follow in the footsteps of his mother and father, the Queen and Prince Philip, *Inset*

SOLEMN VOW TO NATION

•Queen Elizabeth was
a life well lived.. her
promise of lifelong
service I renew
to you all today•

KING CHARLES III YESTERDAY





Under fire... Putin

City call for Putin treason charge

By NICK PARKER

A COUNCIL in Vladimir Putin's home city has called for him to be charged with treason and forced out of office.

Officials said "young, able-bodied citizens are dying and being maimed" in the president's war with Ukraine.

They also warned that his foolhardy policies were harming Russia's economy, causing Nato to expand and seeing Ukraine acquire modern military equipment.

The extraordinary appeal to the Russian parliament was made by councillors in Smolninskoye, a municipality of St Petersburg, where Putin was born in 1952.

Councillor Nikita Yuferov, 34, said: "We've listed reasons why we believe this is high treason."

Dmitry Palyuga, 35, who also backed the treason demand said Putin's war "harms the security of Russia and its citizens".



Panel... Drake statue

Statue of Drake to detail his slave link

By JAMES SOMPER

A STATUE of Spanish Armada hero Sir Francis Drake has been given an information panel detailing his slave trade links.

The monument to the Elizabethan sailor in his home town of Tavistock, Devon, was reassessed by the local council following the Black Lives Matter protests in 2020.

It now explains that Drake sailed on three slave trading expeditions in which African coastal villages were raided.

Clr Ursula Mann, who worked on the update, said: "It was important to understand the issue from all different perspectives."

Tory MP Sir Geoffrey Cox said: "Sir Francis Drake is a hero for sailing around the world and playing a major part in defending England from the Spanish Armada."

"Having read the panel, I'm satisfied that it gives a balanced and objective summary of his life."

WHAT'S THE PRICE OF A FREE COFFEE?

Costa

£19.60 for a free coffee

COSTA'S revamped loyalty programme gives customers who download its app a free coffee for every eight hot drinks they buy.

Just scan your Costa Club app in store and with every hand-crafted drink ordered, you will get one bean added to your account.

At £2.45, a small tea is the cheapest drink you can buy to bag yourself a bean, and eight of these will take you up to £19.60.



Starbucks

£50 for a free coffee

THE American coffee chain has the worst-value loyalty scheme of all those I checked out.

You can use the Starbucks Rewards app or card to collect Stars. For every pound you spend you will get three stars as a reward.

But one hot drink will set you back 150 Stars. So you will need to have splashed out £50 – which means buying at least 21 Americano Venti coffees at £2.45 each.



Pret

£7.50 for a free coffee

PRET Perks launched in November and is very good value if you use it correctly.

It gives you a star every time you buy something on the menu and scan your app.

For every ten stars you get a free coffee.

The trick is that these stars can be given even if you buy the cheapest item on its menu – an apple or banana for 75p. So ten apples, costing £7.50, could get you that free drink.



McDonald's

£4.95 for a free coffee

THE best-value loyalty deal is at McDonald's, where you can spend less than a fiver to earn a freebie.

The My McDonald's app gives you your sixth hot drink for free.

Order your Macci D coffee on the app or scan your QR code at the ordering screen or Drive Thru and you get a stamp each time.

A McDonald's double espresso, for example, is 99p, so you only need to spend £4.95 to earn your free drink.



COSTA LIVING CRISIS

TROUBLE is brewing as the cost-of-living crisis threatens caffeine lovers' favourite drink.

Customers were furious this week after Costa announced it is ditching its cheaper filter coffee, leaving only pricey alternatives.

If you still have to have your morning

coffee but want to save cash many High Street shops offer loyalty schemes – but which is worth signing up for?

HAYLEY MINN compares reward cards from top chains to see how much you need to spend to earn a free drink.



Caffe Nero

£21.60 for a free coffee

EVERY time they buy a barista-prepared hot or cold drink, Caffe Nero customers get a stamp on their physical loyalty card or the free mobile app.

After they purchase nine drinks – and collect nine stamps – the tenth is free.

The cheapest beverage that you can earn a stamp for is tea, priced at £2.40. So if you get nine of these it will set you back £21.60 to claim your freebie.



Greggs

£9 for a free coffee

LIKE at Caffe Nero, the Greggs app gives you your tenth coffee free.

But you need to spend far less to bag your complimentary treat at the popular high-street bakery.

At Greggs, you can get a cup of tea for £1–£1.40 less than at Caffe Nero – so this means you would only have to part with £9 to get a free coffee. You can then maybe use the money you saved on one of its very popular baked treats.



Krispy Kreme

£15 for a free coffee

HERE punters get ten loyalty Smiles credits every time they spend £1 – whether that be on the chain's famous doughnuts or hot drinks.

Then, once you have clocked up 150 Smiles, you can lay claim to your complimentary coffee.

With Krispy Kreme's most affordable hot drink being a latte costing a quid, you could get 15 of them and land your freebie.



Subway

£10 for a free coffee

THIS may not be the first place you think of for a coffee – but sometimes all you really want with your sarnie is a hot drink.

Subway's Subcard gives ten points for every £1 spent.

You can use 100 points for a free hot drink, 200 for a snack, 500 for a 6in sub, flatbread or salad, or 1,000 for a 12in sub or flatbread.

So for a free coffee you must spend £10 – which you can clock up with six regular-sized coffees at £1.70 each.





Cancer free... Eliana

Drug trial 'miracle' for dying Eliana, 65

By JAMES SOMPER

A CANCER patient given two months to live is now free of the disease after being given a drug so experimental it is yet to be named.

Retired teacher Eliana Keeling, 65, was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia in 2020 and told a year later that her cancer was terminal.

But she refused to accept it was the end and started a clinical trial at The Christie cancer centre a month later.

She was in remission within six months, allowing her to have a bone marrow transplant.

The trial involved the drug azacytidine and an experimental treatment.

Eliana, of Manchester, said: 'I've been given a new lease of life and feel like The Christie has worked a miracle.'

Bin crew fire alarm

REFUSE collectors who helped to save residents from a fire have been hailed as heroes.

The crew leapt into action as the blaze broke out in a flat above a Specsavers at 5.30am.

They woke people in nearby flats by banging on doors and helped to get them to safety.

Resident Kirsty Higgins, said: 'They're heroes. They literally saved us.'

No one was hurt in the blaze in Bideford, North Devon, which raged for more than seven hours.

The cause of the fire on Wednesday morning is being investigated. Specsavers remains closed.

Charged by a cow

A WOMAN was charged from behind by a cow and hurled into the air while walking her dog.

She suffered a gashed leg and was left covered in blood and needing hospital treatment.

Quick-thinking onlookers managed to prevent the woman suffering further harm by scaring off the cow.

It is thought the animal had been protecting its calf, which was hidden nearby in bushes by the Marchwood Inclosure in the New Forest, Hants.

Witness Tania Passmore said: 'If we didn't scare her, I think it would have done a lot more damage.'

OPENER CASHES IN

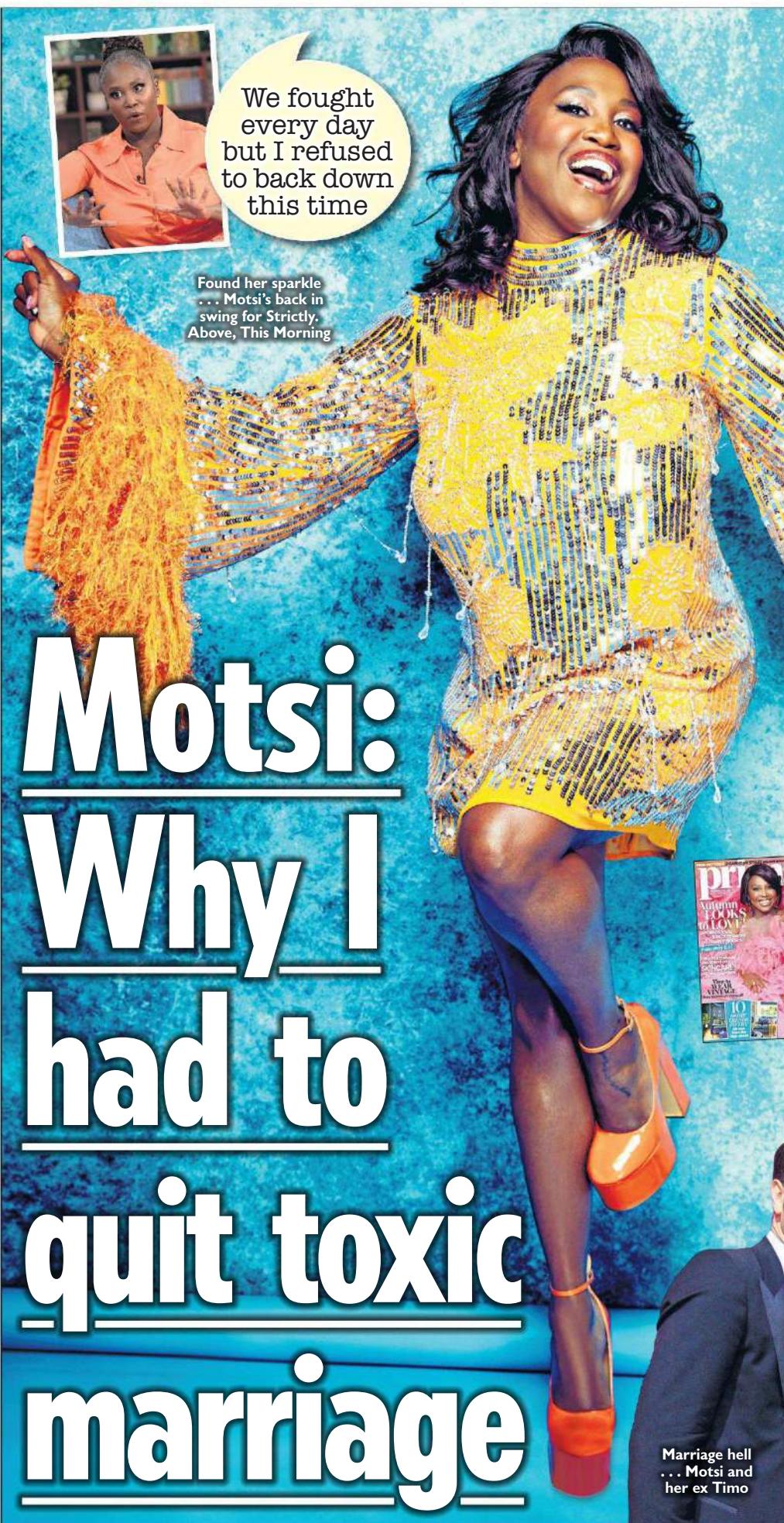
A 1598 Italian English dictionary containing one of the earliest references to 'cricket' was auctioned for £16,000 in London.

STRICTLY JUDGE ON SPLIT



We fought every day but I refused to back down this time

Found her sparkle ... Motsi's back in swing for Strictly. Above, This Morning



Motsi: Why I had to quit toxic marriage



Marriage hell ... Motsi and her ex Timo

By ROD MCPHEE, TV Editor

STRICTLY judge Motsi Mabuse claims a toxic relationship with her "controlling" ex-husband held her back from being the star she is today.

The 41-year-old told how German dancer Timo Kulczak, 45, took charge of her money and paid her an allowance from what she earned via her dance teaching and TV appearances.

In her book *Finding My Own Rhythm*, out now, she claims Timo chose what they ate and even refused to split up with her – despite her numerous pleas.

He finally relented after she retired from competitive dancing. Motsi says: 'Timo and I went to Thailand, and I told him, once and for all, that I was leaving.

"We fought every day, but I refused to back down this time."

Cracks in the relationship appeared when the pair – who won two German championships – stopped dancing together after Timo had enough of competing.

South Africa-born Motsi, sister of double Strictly champ Oti, 32, was still in her prime and keen to compete at the highest level.

Timo also turned down her pleas to have a baby and run a dance school together, she says.

Their rows sparked a bout of depression, with Motsi admitting she started to doubt whether dedicating her life to dance – and her husband – was worth it.

And she recalls how hearing her pals "talk about dating and sex" when she had only ever been with Timo left her feeling like she missed out on so much.

She had moved to Germany from South Africa to be with him when she was just 18.

It was around this time she realised: 'I wasn't in love with Timo any more – and I hadn't been for a while.'

They divorced in 2014, having lived separately for a year, when Motsi revelled in her freedom.

Motsi, who was on ITV's *This Morning* on Thursday, found comfort with new dance partner Evgenij Voznyuk, the Ukrainian she wed three years later.

There was never any crossover with Timo, but Motsi admits she and Evgenij had discussed their feelings for each other, which accelerated her split from her husband.

They now live in Germany with their daughter, four, and run a dance school together. She says she and Timo are still friends.

Motsi, featured on the cover of October's *Prima* magazine, left, will return this month in the new series of Strictly, the start of which could be delayed following the Queen's passing.

And she will be up against sister Oti, who is now a judge on the rival Saturday night show, ITV's *The Masked Dancer*.

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EXCLUSIVE by
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YESTERDAY was the start of a new dawn for Robbie Williams – as he celebrated the release of his latest album marking 25 years as a solo artist.

Preparing for his return to the spotlight has been no easy feat.

But cometh the hour, cometh the man, and Robbie appears to be reborn – slimmer, fitter and more on song than he has ever been.

The superstar from Stoke says: "I have lost weight but it is a constant fight. Inside me there's a giant person."

Sitting in a suite at a central London hotel, he is in great shape and shows off his new physique in a black vest.

Robbie, 48, adds: "My whole being and my whole body wants me to go in the opposite direction and be morbidly obese.

"At the moment I am just eating less. It is a constant slog and it is not a natural way of being.

"For me, what is normal is being twice this size. Thank God for vanity, and thank God for my job, because if I didn't do what I do for a living I dread to think what I would look like and what I would become."

Robbie's battle with his weight and his addictive nature are well documented, and the 6ft lin singer has been open and honest about being hooked on sugar, as well as drink and drugs.

Now sober for more than two decades, he says the addictive side of his personality still exists.

After quitting smoking in 2019 he jokes he is now hooked on nicotine gum, and he pops two pieces into his mouth as he settles into his chair for the interview. His weight, he adds, will be an issue he will struggle to control for the rest of his life.

Massive spotlight

He says: "For me, it is overweight and full of shame, and then you do something extreme to get to the weight you're happy with.

"But then you're getting calories in your body to sustain what it has to do and then you get fatigued.

"I have an addictive nature that finds a loophole in sugar. I have never been able to maintain a perfect adherence to an abstinence from sugar and refined flour and all that stuff. There is no balance – moderation doesn't exist.

"I do not have the ability to make that happen. It is either fat or thin."

It has been three years since Robbie's last album, and his new record, XXV, reveals his vocals are in just as good a shape as they were when he first found fame in boyband Take That in 1990 aged just 16.

As well as re-recording some of his biggest hits with acclaimed Dutch orchestra the Metropole Orkest, including Angels and Millennium, Robbie has four new tracks on the new album's deluxe version – Disco Symphony, More Than This, The World And Her Mother and Home Thoughts From Abroad. It also features his new single Lost, which has fast become a fan favourite.

Despite Robbie's huge solo success, with seven No1 singles and 13 No1 albums, he reveals he is still learning to accept his talent.

He says: "There are lots of people who dig what I do but there are an awful amount of people who think I am the worst thing on the planet ever since that massive spotlight fell on to me."

"Drugs have taken me to some faraway places and, contrary to popular belief, my ego is the opposite of ego."

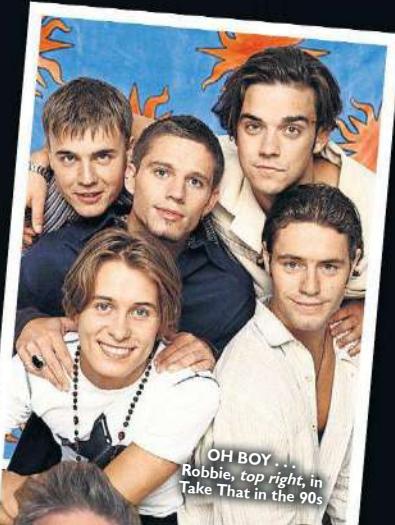
"I hated myself and I thought I couldn't sing and looked like s**t. If anyone thought I was wandering round with an

'Thank God for vanity, and thank God for my job, because if I didn't do what I do for a living I dread to think what I would look like and what I would become'

STAR CELEBRATES



SLIM...
Rob shows his beach body and inset, singing in Croatia



OH BOY...
Robbie, top right, in Take That in the 90s



THE GOOD LIFE... Robbie and Ayda in Ibiza last month

ROBBIE ON...

His mindset:
'I am happy, I am doing better than OK'

Take That:
'At some point we will ride again'

His weight:
'At the moment I am just eating less – it is a slog'

His family:
'I love my job but I don't want my daughter to be 22 and never have met me'

inflated sense of self-importance it is actually the opposite.

"If there are a great deal of people saying, 'You're a c***', you start to think you are, even if you're like, 'But I'm not though'."

"If there was an Olympics for self-hatred I would represent my country."

In part, Robbie's steps forward in self-acceptance are down to his family.

He married American actress and *Loose Women* panellist Ayda Field, 43, in August 2010 and they have four children – Teddy, nine, Charlie,

seven, Colette, four, and two-year-old Beau.

Robbie continues: "I had always thought that if you don't lacerate or puncture your own ego you become an awful narcissist. But there might be a happy ground."

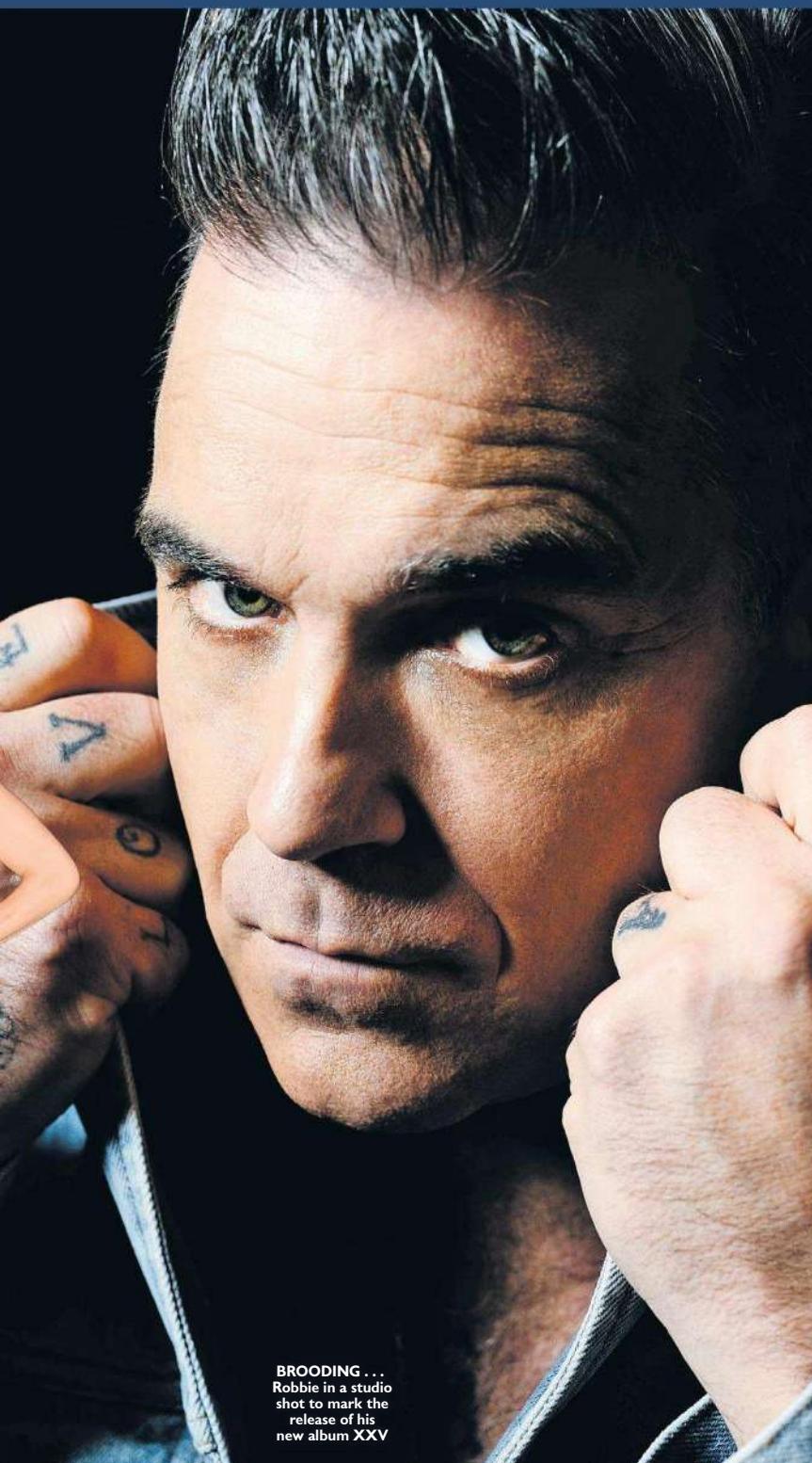
"I think there is less berating of myself going on in my head. As British people, we think it is right to lacerate any sense of self-worth or achievement."

"Maybe with this anniversary there is a chance for a pause, and I can look back and go, 'Well done'."

"It ebbs and flows, life, and at the moment the flow is not ebbing. I am happy, I am doing better than OK."

The next big change is deciding

BIG ANNIVERSARY WITH NEW ALBUM



BROODING . . .
Robbie in a studio
shot to mark the
release of his
new album **XXV**

I've lost weight, I berate myself less. After 25 years, I'm happy

Says **ROBBIE WILLIAMS**

where he and his family will settle. This year he sold his multi-million-pound homes in Los Angeles, Zurich and Wiltshire, leaving a £17.5million family home in London.

The decision on whether to remain there is a hot topic round the Williams dinner table.

He says: "I find that being constantly in limbo is better for my psyche. It is best for me if I keep moving, so we are nowhere."

Great gratitude

"I love my job, I love providing, but I don't want my daughter to be 22 and never have met me."

"So that is another part of the equation I am trying to work out."

"But while the topic of where to live is still up in the air, retirement is one subject that is definitely off

all our children, should experience some kind of high school."

"I don't believe in that, but she does. So by the time Teddy is 13 we have to be somewhere. We have three years."

"It is difficult to know what to do — my job doesn't exist anywhere, it is everywhere."

Great gratitude

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"So that is another part of the equation I am trying to work out."

"But while the topic of where to live is still up in the air, retirement is one subject that is definitely off

the cards — as stepping back from music appears to be the last thing Robbie would do."

He says the pandemic and lockdown made him realise he is not ready to take his foot off the pedal professionally.

He continues: "This thing you've noticed in me, which is genuinely happening, is that you can have a laissez-faire attitude towards your job."

"You turn up to work and expect a stadium of people to be there and not think much about it."

"Having had Covid and the usual market possibly not coming back ever, after it did come back I look at these venues full of people, or

look at a venue with empty seats thinking they will be full of people, and get blown away."

"What has happened to me in my life . . . I have great gratitude that I get to do the greatest job in the world. It feels really good."

As well as gearing up for live dates across the UK and Europe, Robbie has a big-screen biopic in the works and a new documentaries about his life being made by Netflix.

And though his hands are definitely more than full at the moment, fans will be delighted that he says a reunion with his Take That buddies is a possibility.

Bandmate Gary Barlow confirmed

to The Sun this year how the group — which includes Mark Owen and Howard Donald — were planning on new music next year and a live tour in 2024.

So could Robbie help to make it all happen?

He says: "One date is undoable, one song might be manageable."

"I would much prefer to do one album and one tour, but it's not on the horizon."

"There is an invisible line which keeps us together and brings us back together when we are apart."

"If we all stay healthy, at some point we will ride again, and God willing we all do."

• Robbie's new album, **XXV**, is out now.

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CLARKE**

THE Great British Bake Off starts on Tuesday with Cake Week, culminating in a challenge to create a sponge stopper.

While the contestants will sweat over their bakes, keen to bag one of judge Paul Hollywood's coveted handshakes, food author and blogger Jane Dunn says creating a stand-out cake can be easy.

Having started her blog, Jane's Patisserie, in 2014, she has amassed more than a million followers, including Stacey Solomon and Mrs Hinch.

Her legion of fans love the crafty ways to make baking easy and affordable.

Jane, 29, from Portsmouth, right, says: "You don't need to spend loads of time and

By REBECCA PASCOE

money creating star-worthy bakes when mine are Hollywood Handshake-worthy."

"Sometimes, Bake Off can make things look very complicated. But you'll have lots more time baking at home - and you won't have judges watching so there's less pressure."

"Even if the last time you baked, you burnt it, you can still create something fabulous if you follow my tips."

Here, Jane shares nifty versions of six Bake Off themes - each for less than £1 per serving - and offers handy hints on them.

●Jane's Patisserie Celebrate! by Jane Dunn (£20, Ebury Press) is out now.



BISCUIT WEEK: Shortbread hearts

SHORTBREAD is much easier than people think, so don't be scared of it. You can freeze half the batch to save for another occasion. And use whatever you like to decorate - butter icing, chocolate spread - whatever you have to smother all over it.

Makes 15

Prep: 15 minutes
Cook: 30 minutes
Bake: 15-20 minutes
Cool: 1 hour

Decorate: 30 minutes

Lasts: 3-4+ days, at room temperature

YOU NEED:

200g unsalted butter, at room temperature

100g caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling

300g plain flour, plus extra for dusting

To decorate (optional):

125g white chocolate

125g milk chocolate

Sprinkles

TO MAKE: Line two baking trays with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

Add the flour and beat until a smooth dough is formed.

Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface and roll out the dough until 1cm thick. Using a 7cm heart cutter, cut out the cookies and carefully transfer them to the lined trays using a thin spatula.

Chill in the fridge for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan.

Sprinkle a little extra caster sugar over the chilled shortbread hearts and bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes, or until light golden. Leave to cool fully on the trays.

To decorate, melt the white chocolate in one heatproof bowl and the milk chocolate in another in short bursts in the microwave, or set the bowls over a pan of simmering water.

Dip one half of each shortbread into either the melted white chocolate or milk chocolate.

Once dipped, lay the shortbread hearts back on to the baking trays and drizzle over any leftover chocolate.

Scatter over some sprinkles and return them to the fridge to set.

Total cost:
£3.50
Cost per serving:
25p



CHOCOLATE WEEK: Chocolate bark

THEY love to "temper" (heating and then cooling) chocolate on Bake Off. But while it might be fancy, I think mine tastes just as good. You can change the ingredients to suit a theme like Christmas, or choose somebody's favourite colours.

Makes 15

Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 5 minutes

Set: 2 hours

Lasts: 4-5+ days, in the fridge

YOU NEED:

300g white chocolate

1/4 tsp oil-based food colouring

25g mini marshmallows

75g sugar-coated chocolate beans (I use Smarties)

10g freeze-dried raspberries

75g sweets (to decorate)

METHOD: Line a large rectangular baking tray (23 x 33cm) with parchment paper. In a small heatproof bowl, break the white

chocolate into pieces and melt in the microwave in short bursts or over a pan of

simmering water until

smooth. Pour 100g of

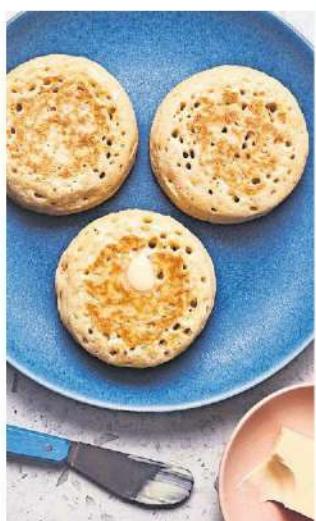
the melted white chocolate into a separate bowl and mix in the oil-based food colouring until combined.

Pour the remaining melted white chocolate into the tray and spread out evenly to about 1cm thick.

Drizzle the coloured chocolate over the top and use the end of a cake skewer to swirl the chocolate together, creating a marbled pattern.

Scatter over the marshmallows, sugar-coated chocolate beans, freeze-dried raspberries and other sweets and chill in the fridge for 2 hours until set. Cut or break into around 15 shards and enjoy.

Total cost:
£5.66
Cost per serving:
38p



DESSERT WEEK: Cookies 'n' cream ice cream

YOU can use any biscuits with this, just pick your favourite. Even stale biscuits will work. Or flavour it with a swirl of chocolate spread, jam, peanut butter... anything in the cupboards you need to use up. This ice cream keeps for months in the freezer.

Serves 12

Prep: 15 minutes

Freeze: 4 hours

Lasts: 3+ months, in the freezer

YOU NEED:

600ml double cream

397g tin condensed milk

150g cookies and cream biscuits, crushed to a fine crumb (I use Oreos)

150g cookies and cream

Total cost:
£5.14
Cost per serving:
43p

biscuits, chopped/quartered

METHOD: In a large bowl, add the double cream and condensed milk.

Whisk until smooth and even. Continue to whisk until the mixture starts to thicken - it doesn't need to be extremely thick, it just needs to be smooth and starting to thicken. Add the finely crushed biscuits to the cream mixture.

Add a third of the mixture to a container - I use a 900g loaf tin - and swirl through a third of the chopped/quartered biscuits.

Repeat twice more so all the biscuits are used up.

Put the tin in the freezer until frozen and firm.



BREAD WEEK: Homemade crumpets

IF you don't have crumpet rings, you can replace them with something like cookie cutters or egg poachers. Just make sure they can contain the mixture, and that you grease them the same. It will work.

Makes 8

Prep: 30 minutes

Prove: 20 minutes

Cook: 15 minutes

Cool: 30 minutes

Lasts: 2-3 days

YOU NEED:

175g plain flour

225ml warm water

1/2 tsp sea salt

1tsp baking powder

Pinch of caster sugar

5g dried yeast

25g unsalted butter, at room temperature, for greasing

METHOD: In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, warm water and salt for 1-2 minutes.

Add the baking powder, sugar and yeast and whisk for another minute.

Cover the bowl with cling film and leave the mixture to sit in a warm place for 20 minutes.

Put a large, flat frying pan over a medium-high heat.

Grease three or four 9cm crumpet rings with the butter and place the rings on to the pan.

Ladle crumpet batter into the rings so they are half full.

Heat at medium-high heat (level 7/9 on my hob) for 1½ minutes, and then reduce the heat to medium-low (level 4/9) and cook for a further 3-4 minutes.

During the cooking time, bubbles should appear on the surface of the crumpets and they should start to come away from the edges of the rings.

Remove the rings carefully, flip the crumpets over and cook for another 30 seconds before removing from the pan. Leave to cool.

To serve, toast the crumpets for 2-3 minutes, spread on some butter and enjoy.

Total cost:
48p
Cost per serving:
6p

PASTRY WEEK: Cheese pesto whirls

MAKING puff pastry yourself could take 5-6 hours. It is more than anyone has to spare, so I use shop-bought pastry. It is cheap, a fantastic shortcut and is just as good as you can make. With this recipe, you can also replace the pesto with whatever you have around - tomato puree works great, too.

Makes 16

Prep: 30 minutes

Bake: 12-14 minutes

Chill: 30 minutes

Cool: 15+ minutes

Lasts: 2-3+ days, in the fridge

YOU NEED:

Plain flour (for dusting)

350g ready-made puff pastry

40g red pesto

50g Parmesan, finely grated

100g mature Cheddar, finely grated

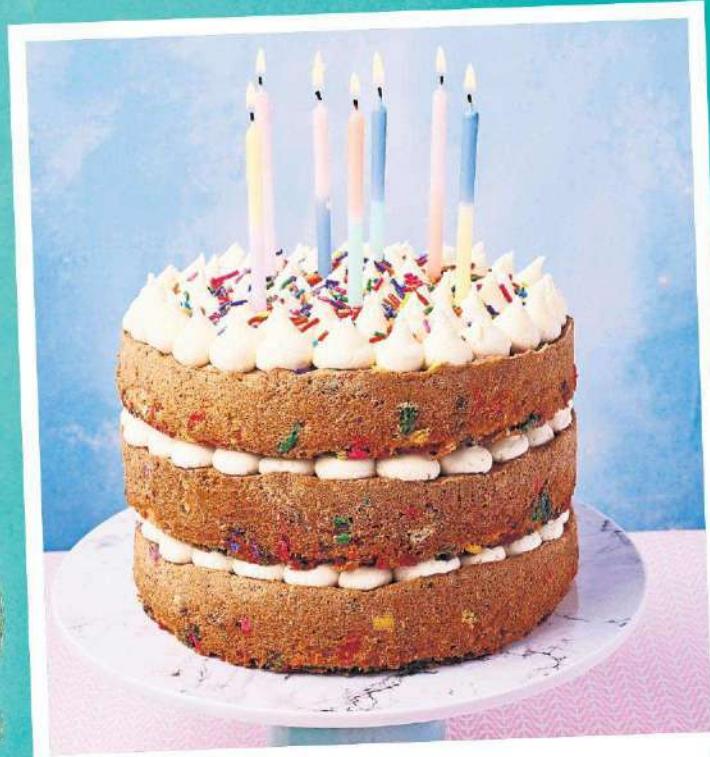


METHOD: Preheat the oven to 220C/200C fan and line two large trays with parchment paper. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out the pastry into a large rectangle until it is 3-4mm thick. Spread the red pesto evenly on to the pastry. Sprinkle the Parmesan and Cheddar on to the pesto and press down slightly. From long side to long side, roll up the pastry tightly into a long sausage shape. If the pastry is a bit soft by this point, chill in the fridge for 30 minutes. Remove and cut the pastry sausage into 1cm-wide slices with a sharp knife to form the cheese pesto whirls and lay on to the lined baking trays. Bake in the oven for 12-14 minutes until golden brown. Leave to cool for 15 minutes and enjoy warm or cool fully and enjoy them cold.

Total cost:
£3.29
Cost per serving:
21p

HOW TO MAKE BAKE OFF CAKES FOR £1

'Even if the last time you baked, you burnt it, you can still create something fabulous'



CAKE WEEK: Funfetti cake

MAKE sure the butter is at room temperature so it is easy for you to mix.

And save money on fancy piping bags by using the back of a warm spoon to swirl the butter icing on top of the cake.

You could also replace the sprinkles with chocolate chips, or frozen, fresh or even freeze-dried fruit to create great colours in the sponge.

Serves 12+

Prep: 30 minutes

Bake: 30–35 minutes

Cool: 2 hours

Decorate: 1 hour

Lasts: 2–3+ days, in the fridge

YOU NEED:

400g unsalted butter

400g caster sugar

400g self-raising flour

8 eggs

1tsp vanilla extract

100–120g funfetti sprinkles

(supermarket sprinkles won't hold their colour as well when baked, I use good-quality sprinkles from specialist cake decorating suppliers.)

To decorate:

300g unsalted butter

600g icing sugar

1tsp vanilla extract

METHOD: Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan and line three 20cm springform cake tins with parchment paper. In a large

bowl, cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.

Add the flour, eggs and vanilla extract to the mix, and beat again until smooth.

Add the funfetti sprinkles and fold through with a spatula.

Divide the mixture evenly between the three tins and bake in the oven for 30–35 minutes, or until a cocktail stick or skewer inserted into the middle of the cakes comes out clean.

Leave to cool in the tins for 10–15 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool fully. For the decoration, in a large bowl, beat the butter for a couple of minutes to loosen it and make it lighter.

Add the icing sugar a little at a time and mix well to combine. Add the vanilla extract and beat again.

If the mixture feels really stiff, add 1–2 tbsp of boiling water.

Transfer the mixture to a piping bag with a jumbo round piping tip fitted.

Pipe buttercream on to one of the sponge layers, stack the second sponge layer on top and repeat.

Finally, add the third sponge layer and pipe over the remaining buttercream.

Scatter funfetti sprinkles over the cake and enjoy.

Total cost:

£11.55

Cost per serving:

96p

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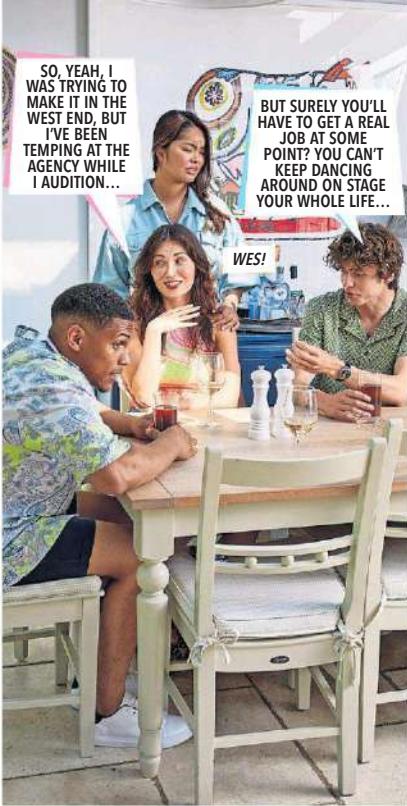
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IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU BOTH. AMBER TALKS ABOUT YOU NON-STOP, SO IT'S NICE TO FINALLY PUT FACES TO NAMES!

HMM, YES...



SO, YEAH, I WAS TRYING TO MAKE IT IN THE WEST END, BUT I'VE BEEN TEMPING AT THE AGENCY WHILE I AUDITION...

BUT SURELY YOU'LL HAVE TO GET A REAL JOB AT SOME POINT? YOU CAN'T KEEP DANCING AROUND ON STAGE YOUR WHOLE LIFE...

WES!

CONTINUES TOMORROW

Should I forgive my cheating wife again?

Dear Deidre

CALMLY telling my wife that if she cheated on me again, would mean the end of our marriage, helped me feel strangely reassured at the time.

But three years on, I've learned she's gone behind my back again with the same old school friend and I'm wavering. It seemed so simple back then but now we have gorgeous twin daughters who I can't imagine being apart from.

I'm 30 and she is 28, our twins are 18-months-old.

I'm torn over giving her another chance and losing all self-respect, or having some integrity and walking away from her.

When she admitted she'd made a "terrible mistake" the first time, we were both devas-

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tated and she seemed genuinely remorseful. She promised me she wouldn't drink as hard.

She insisted she didn't fancy the man she slept with, but told me he always tried it on with

her when she was drunk. My family told me I was a complete mug for giving her the benefit of the doubt and said I would regret it.

After my ultimatum, she cut back on her drinking and went out partying less. Then she got pregnant and was busy with our twins. I thought we'd got through our problems and would be fine.

But then she went out "to let her hair down" and as usual she drank too much.

A mutual friend told me this man made a move on her and she caved in again.

She swears they only had a drunken fumble and feels I'm overreacting, but I feel my parents' prediction was right; I never should have given her a chance let alone a second one.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: This is between you and your wife. You don't need to involve your parents in any decision making. It sounds as if you are

considering their reaction more than what you want to do.

Focus on your relationship and talk to your wife.

Are you both happy within your relationship? Do you need to make any changes?

You don't want to be seen as a walk-over, but with two babies in your lives it's certainly worth giving your marriage your best effort.

You mention your wife drank a lot on the two occasions she cheated on you, cutting back in the long term would help her avoid future problems.

It is possible to strengthen your marriage, even after she has cheated – twice – but of course you both need to be ready and willing to work at it.

And she needs to hold her hands up and recognise how hurtful and damaging her behaviour is.

I'm sending you my support pack Cheating Can You Get Over It? which will help you both.

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Dear Deidre

WHEN I pictured my retirement, I didn't imagine that my entire family would see it as an opportunity to make me a full-time carer.

My plans involved travelling, enjoying my hobbies and spending time with my grandchildren.

My husband and I are both 65. We've worked hard all our lives, brought up two children, and now want to enjoy our twilight years while we're still healthy.

But my husband's mother has decided that, at the age of 90, it's time to move in with us. She's lonely and has struggled since being widowed.

The idea of having her around 24/7 fills me with dread. She is OK in small doses, but drives me crazy.

And when we told our children our retirement plans, they said, "Great, now you can help with the after-school childcare".

I feel so selfish saying no to everyone, but I'm not giving up work to provide free babysitting. How can I let everyone down gently without causing a row?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Don't let your family emotionally blackmail you.

You need to put your needs and those of your husband first.

Otherwise, you will only feel resentful and everyone will inevitably fall out.

Tell your mother-in-law that you're sorry, but she can't live with you. If she's lonely, you can invite her over regularly and go to visit her too.

And say you would love to spend time with your grandchildren and can offer occasional after-school childcare, but you can't provide regular help. My support pack, Standing Up For Yourself, explains how to have these conversations.

Dear Deidre

AN old friend contacted me by text to say that his whole family had died in a car accident while they were away on holiday in Portugal.

He said he needed money to fly their bodies home.

Like me, he is 40. We used to be close friends but we have lost touch over the last few years.

I was surprised to hear from him and shocked

when I read his news. I tried calling but he didn't pick up.

He messaged to say he was in hospital but had lost his wife and two children.

My wife says that it is a scam and I should ignore the texts.

She says she is sure we would have heard about this on the news if it were true.

I've looked in the papers and online and can't see any stories about British families being killed on

holiday. But if it isn't a scam, I'll feel terrible that I didn't help him.

What should I do?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: This is a nasty scam preying on people's emotions, and not sent by your friend at all.

You should report it to Action Fraud (action-fraud.police.uk).

Perhaps your concern is a sign that you want to be back in touch.

Try contacting him via his workplace, social media or a mutual friend.

THANK YOU FOR... GIVING ME HOPE IN DARK TIMES

Dear Deidre

AT THE TIME I wrote to you, Deidre, I was at rock bottom.

I am generally a strong woman of 58, but when I got in touch I had experienced stress upon stress.

Just a month after my brother died, there was a fire at my house and I had to move out.

I started having panic attacks and I couldn't cope with anything.

It all got too much. I felt like giving up and staying in bed all day.

You listened to me – something my own doctor had not done.

And you reassured me that my feelings were natural.

You recommended bereavement

counselling and sent me your support packs Stress And Anxiety and How To Cope With Panic Attacks.

I found both of those made for very helpful reading.

And your email gave me the glimmer of hope I needed at a dark time.

Although I didn't seek professional help, just having the contact details to hand made me feel I had support.

I am now feeling much more positive, have moved back into my house and I am looking forward to the future.

Thank you.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Often, just knowing someone cares, listens, and has your back is all it takes to help you move forward with your life.

I'm happy to have helped.

Dear Deidre

I WAS SO excited about a competition to win a new tablet that I entered more than 100 times using different names and email addresses.

Now I feel guilty about deceiving the people running the competition.

I am a 27-year-old man with Asperger's and I tend to get obsessive about things. Sometimes, I focus on one object or activity so

much I can't think about anything else.

I didn't win the prize, but I'm worried that I broke the rules and could get into trouble.

If I had won, I think I'd have sent the tablet back.

I've seen lots of others entered too, but I feel bad I may have spoiled their chances. I wish I could stop being like this, but I don't know how.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Try to be kind to yourself. This

type of obsessive behaviour can be a trait of Asperger's.

You haven't hurt anybody, even if you did break the rules, and you've learned from this.

For reassurance, read my support pack Feeling Guilty and Anxiety.

The National Autistic Society (autism.org.uk) no longer has a helpline, but it still offers lots of advice and guidance online.

TEENAGE TROUBLE

Dear Deidre

MY best friend is smoking a lot weed every day, does not work and has huge debts.

I work pretty much full-time and I don't smoke at all. We are both boys aged 18.

He has become close to a girl who is also a big smoker. I feel cut out of his life and I can see his behaviour changing.

I asked him to go out with me one evening and he agreed but did not turn up. I asked him why but he bit my head off and told me to *** off. He would never have spoken to me like that before.

I find it hard to make friends so I really miss his company.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: This is a loss for you but friendships do change, especially during the teenage years. This particular friend has changed for the worse.

Think about how you meet people and what you can do to find like-minded company.

If shyness is a problem for you, I have a support pack I can send you which will help you overcome social anxiety.

Dear Deidre

EVEN though it's been almost a year since my boyfriend dumped me, I'm not over him.

He's the first thing I think of when I wake up and the last at night. I miss him like crazy.

We're both 19 now and met at school aged 15. I lost my virginity to him and I thought we had the perfect relationship.

But when he went away to uni, he said he didn't want to be tied down. Please help me to move on.

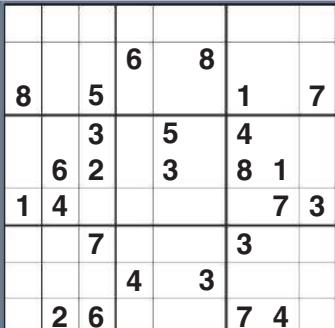
■ DEIDRE SAYS: First love is intense and it can feel like nobody else will ever compare but I promise you will feel better and find love again. My support pack, Moving On, should help you look to the future.

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TODAY'S TOUGHIE CALL 0905 757 0152 FOR CLUES OR SOLUTION



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

TEASER	TOUGHIE
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7 5 1 4 3 6 2 9 8	6 3 5 4 9 2 7 8 1
8 4 6 9 1 2 5 7 3	7 9 2 8 1 5 6 4 3
4 1 8 7 5 9 3 6 2	3 6 7 5 4 8 9 1 2
3 6 7 2 8 1 4 5 9	5 4 1 6 2 9 8 3 7
5 2 9 3 6 4 8 1 7	2 8 9 7 3 1 4 6 5

Calls cost £1 per minute from BT landlines plus network rates

MINDBENDER

The following twelve pairs of letters can be put before and after the letters "EN" to form six six-letter words:

AG	CE	CH	ST	TR	TS
CY	ER	OP	TW	TY	WH

Can you work out what the six words are? Answer tomorrow.

PATHFINDER

Beginning with the letter S in the shaded square below, follow a continuous path in the grid to find 16 words, names and phrases relating to Have I Got News For You. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.

A	P	T	I	O	G	U	E	W	I	N
C	S	E	I	N	S	T	S	T	N	
I	E	N	D	O	R	H	O	S	R	S
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SUNDIAL



SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word.

You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word.

No proper names or plurals. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.
BRILLIANT: 16, EXCELLENT: 14, GOOD: 10, GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: 10.

YESTERDAY: Deeper, deer, deter, enter, entered, entree, erne, erred, nerd, peer, peered, perl, peter, petered, preen, preened, pretend, reed, rend, render, rent, rented, renter, repeat, repented, tender, tenderer, tern, tree, trend, PRETENDER.

Check today's answers by calling 0905 757 0155 before midnight. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

WORDSEARCH

The 16 words listed below are all related to Michael Portillo, but which one isn't in the grid?

WIN! £50

H	S	B	F	K	D	N	N	N	H
E	T	M	G	N	I	A	O	M	C
E	E	D	R	A	N	I	E	I	P
L	K	T	R	O	T	C	T	O	B
H	C	T	U	A	F	I	R	R	E
N	A	S	T	O	E	T	T	A	E
B	J	S	D	S	I	I	A	I	L
J	R	G	S	L	M	L	N	L	E
O	S	A	L	C	O	O	T	W	P
U	F	O	D	E	E	P	L	A	H
R	U	A	N	S	S	N	E	Y	O
N	D	M	I	C	H	A	E	L	R
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Y	E	U	R	O	P	E	W	I	Y
S	E	D	I	U	G	A	B	S	E

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GUIDE SCENERY
JACKETS STATION
JOURNEYS TRAIN
MICHAEL TRAVEL

For how to enter see details on the following page.

MINI ANAGRAM

Correctly solve the anagrams (there may be more than one option) to fill in the grid and complete the crossword.

1	2	3
4		
5		
6		

Calls for extra clues and answers last no longer than two minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: 0333 202 3390 (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

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the BIG quizword

ACROSS

- Ability to identify or recreate a given musical note (7,5)
- 1998 hit by the Spice Girls (4)
- Sport with thirteen in each team (5,6)
- Explorer who found Livingstone (7)
- Fashion designer who had the nickname Coco (6)
- German white goods maker (5)
- Marmite-like spread (6)
- Inspector Morse's first name (9)
- National radio station (7,1,1)
- New York's country (7)
- Commander of HMS Victory at Trafalgar (5)
- Aslan in CS Lewis' Narnia tales (4)
- First name of TV presenter Ms Britton (4)
- Poet with the initials TS (5)
- Emblem of the House of Lancaster in English history (3,4)
- East European plum brandy (9)
- Small Italian restaurant or tavern (9)
- Greek letter, scientific symbol for wavelength (6)
- First name of the composers Liszt and Schubert (5)
- Country bordering Lithuania and Estonia (6)
- Berlin's country (7)
- Small short-necked water-bird with a trilling call (6,5)
- Widescreen cinema technique (4)
- Feast of Scotland's patron (2,7,3)

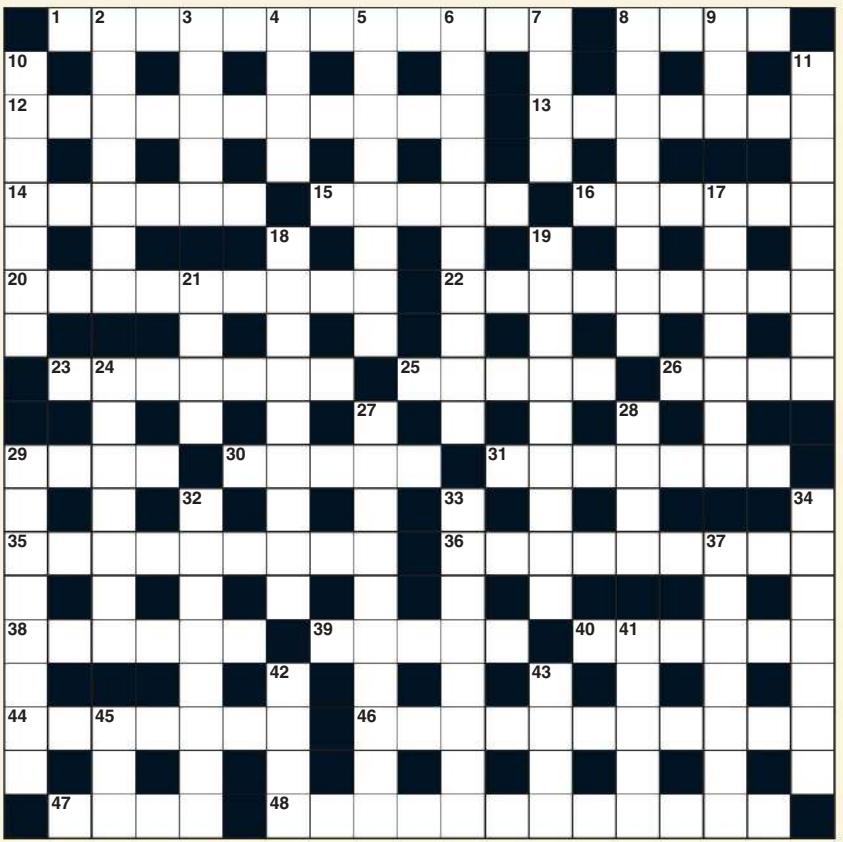
DOWN

- Country known poetically as Albion (7)
- River which runs through Derry/Londonderry (5)
- Sonny's 1960s singing partner (4)
- Cribbage marker (8)
- Military double-breasted waterproof garment (6,4)
- Keypad symbol denoting number (4)
- Fish of equine appearance (8)
- Commodity traded in barrels (3)
- Air passage leading to the lungs (7)
- European plant of the primrose family (8)
- US/Canadian range (7)
- Fine earthenware with a translucent body (9)
- Festival of the purification of the Virgin Mary (9)
- Bubbly chocolate brand (4)
- Political system opposed to capitalism (7)
- Softish Italian cheese (10)
- Annual UK pop award (4)
- Body of an aeroplane (8)
- French wine region (8)
- London's third airport (8)
- Non-Christian opponent of the Crusaders (7)
- Coastal holiday belt of France and Italy (7)
- Giant slain by Hermes (5)
- Seed-buds in potatoes (4)
- Glossy magazine launched in France in 1945 (4)
- Isle west of Egg (3)

Answers tomorrow.

Check today's answers before midnight by calling 0905 757 0158 for Across and 0905 757 0159 for Down. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

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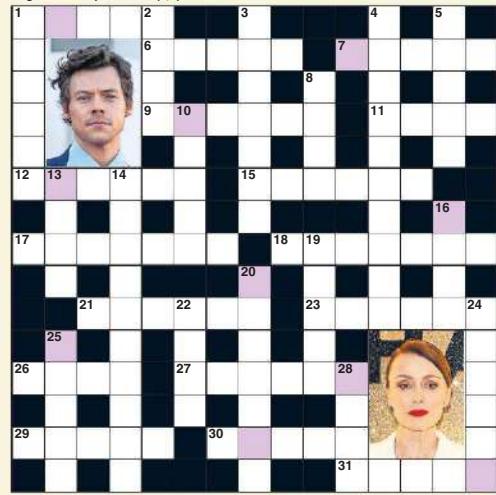
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UP TO £200 CASH TO BE WON!

Crossword

Crossword Complete the clues below and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out the name of a singer and TV presenter (6,4)



ACROSS

- Riley, Mercedes in Glee (5)
- Styles, singer and actor (5)
- Matt ___, Bake Off presenter (5)
- Mr O'Leary, TV and radio presenter (6)
- Morning, daytime TV show (4)
- The Eton ___, 1979 Jam hit (6)
- Emma ___, Spice Girl (6)
- Del Boy's word for Rodney in Only Fools... (7)
- Creator of Adam Dalgleish (1,1,5)
- First name of actor Mr Coltrane (6)
- Chinese-American TV chef (3,3)
- Lee ___, former Casualty and Holby star (4)
- Surname of CSI: Miami star David (6)
- Chris ___, Guardians Of The Galaxy star (5)
- First name of the actresses Kruger and Keaton (5)
- Surname of Loose Women regular Coleen (5)

DOWN

- Russell Brand film remake (6)
- Gilbert, Welsh comedian (4)
- 2016 Sacha Baron Cohen film (7)
- Nirvana's frontman (4,6)
- John Cleese's Fawlty Towers character (5)
- 2000 chart-topper for Eminem (4)
- Tanner, old Corrie character (5)
- Eric ___, Monty Python comedian (4)
- Adrian Dunbar police series (4,2,4)
- Surname of Panic Room actor Jared (4)
- The ___, Of Hazzard, 1980s TV series (5)
- Shore, reality show (7)
- David Mitchell/Robert Webb sitcom (4)
- Rowan Atkinson character (2,4)
- First name of actress Ms Knightley (5)
- Surname linking former footballer Michael and actor Clive (4)

INITIALS

If KC is KING CREOLE, what are these other Elvis Presley films?



- JR
- LMT
- BH
- VLV
- GGG
- FIA

UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble these anagrams to spell out six celebrity winners of Strictly Come Dancing.

- ILL BABY LIE
- YE OLD TEA COSY
- OUR ABODE
- BY A CYCLE BAN
- SOMBRE MATCH
- CALL IN FOR CAKE

PIECEWORD

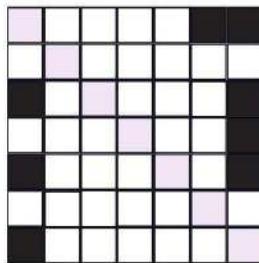
With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the pieces into their correct positions in the grid? See next page for solution.



SUNRISER

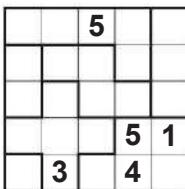
Place these words in the horizontal rows so that the letters in the diagonal staircase spell out another item restored on TV's The Repair Shop.

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FRAME
GUITAR
SAMOVAR
TEDDY
TRUMPET
WINDOW



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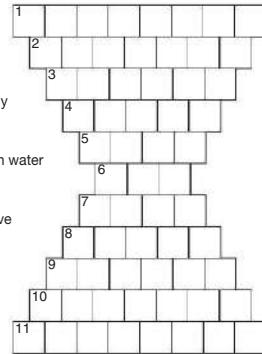
Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3; and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.



BRICKWORK

Answer each clue so that every word contains the same letters as the previous word, plus or minus one.

- Replied, responded
- Guardians
- Roam aimlessly
- Abated
- Trudge through water
- Get married
- Crude, offensive
- Resided
- Sagged
- Fiercest
- Idly handles



MINI CODE

Ten letters have been given a number from 1 to 10. Break the code to complete the crossword.



ACROSS

- Say incorrectly
- Grip, hold • Panoramic, picturesque
- Artist's tripod • Reflexive pronoun
- Night before • Middle Eastern title
- Semi-liquid food • Make a blunder
- Much smaller • Squabble
- Social setting • Dog strap
- Original source

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a presenter:



- Actor Nick who played Ron Swanson in Parks And Recreation
- The Wicker Man actress who married Peter Sellers in 1964
- The "Body Coach" who won an MBE for his pandemic workout streams
- "Queen of Broadway" who sang Frozen's signature song, Let It Go
- Mr Rodgers, founder of Chic, known for his "chucking" style of guitar

• Yesterday Model JODIE MARSH (Ernest (Borgnine), Jessie Alba, Ian Dury, Mark Spitz, (Jimmy) Hoffa).

Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

■ If you can't wait until tomorrow for the answers, just call 0901 293 6298. Calls cost £1 plus your telephone company's network access charge.

BRAINBOXER

72 people were invited to Lynn and Jack's wedding reception. One sixth were friends and colleagues of Jack, and eight more than that were Lynn's family members. 60% of the remainder were Jack's relatives, and all the others were friends of Lynn. How many friends of Lynn were present?

Answer tomorrow.

Coffee time

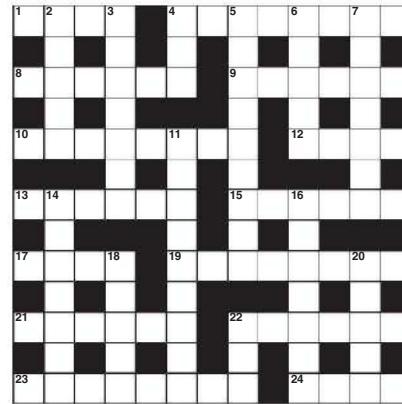
ACROSS

- Wound crust (4)
- Fatiguing (8)
- Representative symbol (6)
- City near Seattle (6)
- Humiliation (8)
- Falling flakes (4)
- Glue (6)
- Detrain (6)
- Thickening agent (4)
- Oratory (8)
- TV receiver (6)
- Horse restraint (6)
- Major road (8)
- Love god (4)

DOWN

- Brief acting appearance (5)
- Poise (7)
- Non-neutered cat (3)
- Get revenge (9)
- Dismissed (5)
- Prehistoric elephant (7)
- Post-sunset radiance (9)
- Greek artist (2,5)
- Adore (7)
- Large herbivore (5)
- Inuit home (5)
- Cove (3)

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same



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Cryptic clues

ACROSS

- Second taxi for strikebreaker (4)
- Book about anger small and boring (8)
- Sign from ensemble missed (6)
- Port and crispy pancake taken to mother (6)
- Spooner's found everything in ruin (8)
- Son immediately gets cold shower (4)
- Bond keeps me in the money (6)
- Descend from bus or train on fire (6)
- Ingredient in silver works shortly (4)
- Right-hand man keeps to speaking well (8)
- Lofty antenna (6)
- Get angry with brother not working (6)
- Mike too wary to travel by fast route (8)
- The Northern Hemisphere? (5)
- Amorous archer among white roses (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 8 E-tern-al, 9 L-i-ame, 10 Intro, 11 No-thing, 12 Dunc's cap, 14 B-us, 16 Roe, 17 Glad-st-one, 19 Marine-r, 21 Rabbit(), 22 Knife, 23 Sal-i-vage.

DOWN: 1 Be-wild-er, 2 Sen-ten-ce, 3 Undo, 4 Clin(k)-i-c, 5 Pi-a-typus, 6 B-ali, 7 Pan-g, 13 Engineer, 14 B-row-b-eat, 15 Specimen, 18 A-r-rest, 19 Ma-k-o, 20 Ra-in, 21 Role.

WORD WORKOUT

This is the world's best brainteaser, The Sun's clueless crossword.

Here is how to play: Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter.

So if you think A is the letter A, write A in all the squares with a 4. All the alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. We will print the answers tomorrow.

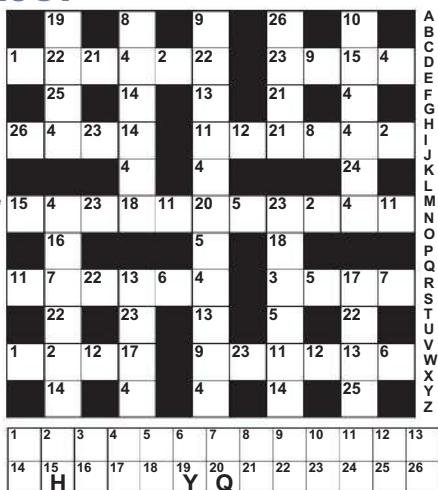
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: Jinx, Carp, Buy, Bode, Vase, Precluded, Partridge, Lift, Oath, Key, Mild, Deem, DOWN: Jibe, Nadir, Quell, Awake, Peel, Pip, Ear, Dud, Die, Awful, River, Glaze, Slim, Sham.

For 4 Extra Clues

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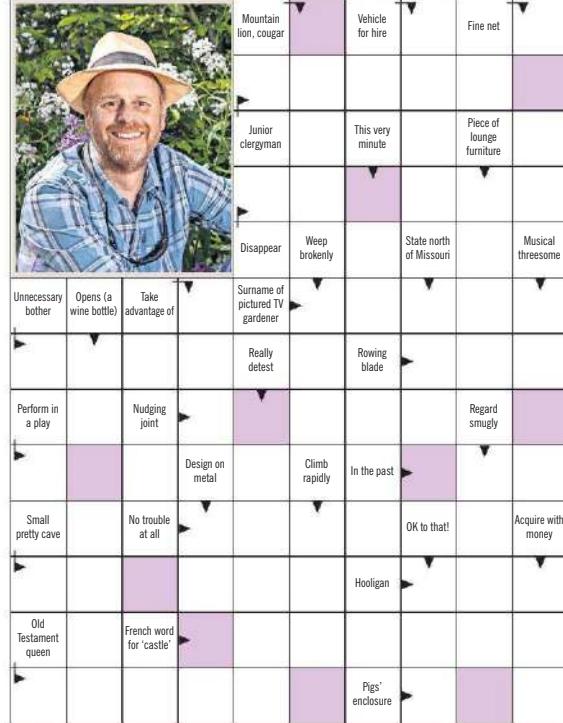


A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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ARROWORD

Complete the puzzle and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out a famous guitarist (4,7).



WIN!
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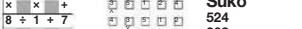
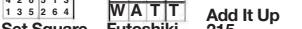
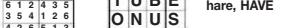
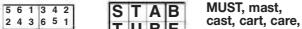
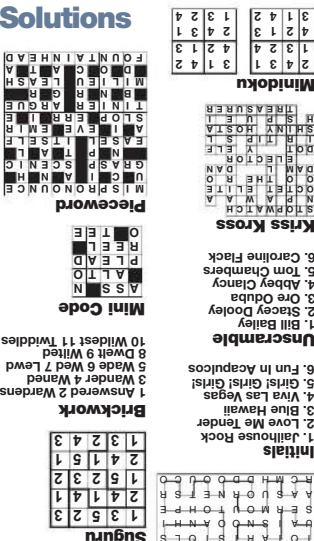
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TERMS: Open to UK residents ages 18 or over. There will be one winner per competition.

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Solutions



GOOD WEEK

LOGAN Plant, founder of BEAVERTOWN beer, sold his brewery to HEINEKEN for tens of millions of pounds.

**BAD WEEK**

POPPY Gustafsson, cyber-defence firm DARKTRACE's boss, saw shares crash as takeover talks folded.



Sun business

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CINeworld IN PAY VOW

Wages covered by £679m relief



BURBERRY IS AXING SHOW

BURBERRY has cancelled its first London Fashion Week show in two years as a "mark of respect" following the death of the Queen.

The brand's catwalk was set for September 17.



CINeworld will honour all customer memberships and pay staff wages while in bankruptcy after a US judge granted it access to £679 million of funds.

The chain, which has 128 cinemas in the UK including Picturehouse venues, is in a US bankruptcy process.

It is allowed to continue trading and gain access to financing, so long as a judge approves.

Cineworld staff will continue to receive their usual wages and benefits. Mook Greideringer, chief executive and major shareholder, said the business was "committed to memorable moviegoing".

It has £4 billion worth of debt and struggled to recover from closures in the pandemic and a dearth of new films. It has already warned investors that they face being wiped out and its stock market value is now worth just £59 million.

Rival Vue cinema chain has already restructured its debt.

POUND HOPE

THE pound was given a boost when it emerged billionaire investor Bill Gross was betting it would rally against the dollar.

The so-called Bond King said he was banking on a surge "because of an overvaluation of dollar against major currencies".

It pushed the pound – at its lowest level in 37 years this week – up by as much as 1.3 per cent to \$1.16.

ASOS SLUMP

ASOS has warned it will take a profits hit as young shoppers are already tightening their belts.

The online fashion retailer said profits would fall to the low end of expectations at between £20million and £60million this year compared with £193million last year.

It came after reports that bosses had told analysts trading had been difficult in August.

WEEKLY SHARE PERFORMANCE

FTSE 100 YESTERDAY ROSE 89.01 TO 7,351.07

21st Century Fox Inc A	2967 1/4	+	73 3/4	
21st Century Fox Inc B	2745 1/2	+	71 1/4	
America American*	264 1/2	+	6 1/2	
Asco Br Foods	1365	+	10	
AstraZeneca*	10500	-	12	
Aviva*	443	-	6	
BAE Sys	784 1/4	-	3	
BAT	3489	+	13	
BP	450 1/4	+	7 3/4	
BT Group*	444	-	4	
Burberry Group*	189 1/4	-	2 1/2	
Barratt	422	-	11 1/2	
Bco Santander	219 1/4	-	3 3/4	
British Land	414	-	3 3/4	
Bunzl	2899	+	32	
Burberry Grp	171 1/2	+	10 1/2	
Centrica	781	+	24 1/2	
Compass	1900	-	66 1/2	
Currys plc*	3797	+	1	3/4
Diageo*	749 1/4	+	17	
Dixons Carphone	444	-	26 1/2	
Eskimo Limited	4 1/4	-	1	
Experian	2730	+	38	
Ferguson	10135	+	105	
Fife Group	612	+	1	1/2
Frasers Group	1348 1/2	+	4	1/4
GSK*	1999	+	43	
HBCB*	525	-	1	
IAG	111	+	3	
IMI	1142	+	37	
ITV	111 1/2	+	15 1/2	
Imperial Brands*	1962 1/2	+	51 1/2	
Intercent Hts*	4703	+	54	
Johnson M	2008	+	54	
Kingfisher	242	+	4	1/2
Legal&Gen*	262 1/4	+	5 1/2	
Lloyds Bkg Gp*	45 1/4	+	3	
London St Exch*	8004	+	1	
Man*	256 1/2	+	5	1/4
Marks&S	117 1/2	+	5	1/4

*Ex dividend

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Sun money



'I'll overpay to lower interest'

PROPERTY manager Sarah Chapman is worried about rising mortgage rates – but doesn't think the £1,800 early repayment charge is worth paying.

The 35-year-old lives in Ipswich with her husband Stewart, 37, an insurance claims handler, and their children Joseph, six, and Ethan and Oliver, both three.

They signed a five-year fixed deal at 2.14 per cent in 2018 for their three-bedroom home, which ends in October next year.

While interest rates were at a record low last year, Sarah started seriously considering exiting her deal early.

She now pays £505 a month and

says the cheapest deal she has found is a five-year fixed rate at 3.33 per cent, which would be £562, plus the £1,800 early repayment charge.

She said: "I don't want to pay £1,800 now, plus £60 more a month now on my mortgage. It would be worrying to pay when everything else is going up and wages are staying the same."

"I'm hedging my bets on interest rates peaking, then falling before October next year, when my deal ends."

Instead of fixing now, she plans to overpay on her mortgage and said: "By October, our balance will therefore have reduced and we'll be paying less interest."

MILLIONS of households could be hit by a mortgage "ticking timebomb" that could explode next year as their fixed-rate deals end.

Interest rates are already at a 14-year high of 1.75 per cent – and are expected to rise further this year.

Those on variable or tracker mortgage deals have already noticed an increase in rates, as they are linked to the Bank of England's base rate.

But around 1.8million fixed deals are set to end in 2023, according to UK Finance.

Cheaper mortgage deals are disappearing, with the average two-year fixed now 4.24 per cent, up 2.75 percentage points last year.

LUCY ALDERSON investigates what homeowners should do, as some consider ditching fixed-rate deals early.

Who should fix early?

HOMEOWNERS are usually warned about exiting a mortgage deal early.

Lenders charge up to five per cent on the remaining balance to end a deal.

On a five-year fixed mortgage of £150,000, which had one year remaining, it would cost £1,500 to pay a one per cent early repayment charge.

However, there is a way to avoid the fee entirely.

Nicholas Mendes, mortgage technician director at broker John Charcol, said: "If you are looking at your fixed-rate mortgage which has six months left, and don't want to pay an early repayment charge to switch to a new rate now, you can fix a deal six months in advance with most lenders."

It means if interest rates go up between now and when the deal ends, you won't be affected as you have locked in your rate.

If rates go down – although this seems unlikely – then you can ditch the rate you have locked into and shop around for a lower one.

"It's a win-win in any outcome," Mr Mendes said.

But this won't help homeowners whose deals are set to end beyond six months' time.

For example, borrowers whose deals end in September next year will be the "worst affected" by rate rises, with costs expected to soar by £163 a month on average, according to Capital Economics.

Homeowners will need to crunch the numbers on whether it's cost-effective to gamble and fix now, even factoring in any early repayment charges.

Use a calculator like one offered by Nous, the cost of living website, which helps you work out if it's cost-effective to refix early. See: app.nous.co/refix.

How do you work it out?

FIRST, borrowers need to know exactly what their lender will charge them to exit early.

The bank should be able to provide a redemption statement in this case, which details information about your loan, including a breakdown of any early repayment charges.

Then customers should shop around for deals by using a mortgage comparison site such as Compare The Market or Uswitch, or speak to a broker.

Look for a whole-of-market broker, as some only recommend loans from a selection of lenders, not all of them.

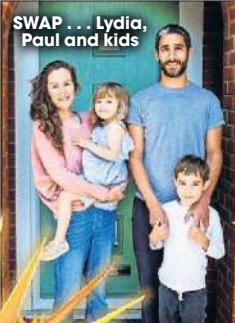
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By TARA EVANS



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'I cleared savings for new deal'

MUM-OF-TWO Lydia Joseph emptied her kids' savings account to swap mortgages on their four-bed house.

Lydia, 34, who lives in Faversham, Kent, thinks she'll be better off in the long run, even though she had to pay a whopping £12,400 early repayment charge.

She took £6,500 from the savings accounts of Louis, eight, and Ines, six, while husband Paul, 42, a freelance writer, added the remaining £5,900 from his personal savings account, which he uses to save for his pension.

"It's a huge sacrifice," said Lydia, who works for a research company. "That's my kids' college money – and it's a

gamble. But based on what I've been reading, I think it will pay off."

She used online budgeting service Nous to work out if she would be better or worse off fixing early.

They were on a three-year fixed rate mortgage at 2.08 per cent with Barclays – paying £1,713 a month – which was due to end in April next year.

They asked Barclays for its best current deal that they could lock in with now. It was a fixed rate of 2.7 per cent for seven years. Lydia swapped to the new deal, despite the big charge.

"I have peace of mind for seven years – I know what I'm paying and I know that won't go up."

Is your fixed-rate mortgage a ticking timebomb?



CHECK... deal options

available, do a few sums. You will need to factor in the fee for arranging your mortgage too.

Look at what your monthly payments would be on this deal if rates are one to two percentage points higher – which is the amount experts think rates could rise by.

If you would still be paying less, factoring in the early repayment charge and other fees, then it's worth looking into switching.

Is it worth it?

YOU are not guaranteed to save money as no one can say for certain what will happen to rates.

It means you could be thousands out of pocket if your gamble of fixing now doesn't pay off.

Nick Morrey, of mortgage broker Coreco, said: "The problem is the cost of fixing now is definite, but the savings are probable and not guaranteed."

Households will also need to have the money to cover early repayment charges upfront.

But as the cost of living has ravaged many families' savings already, customers may not have – or want to sacrifice – thousands of pounds.

Yorkshire Building Society director of mortgages Ben Merritt thinks it's best to seek professional advice before making any decision.

He said: "It's now more important than ever for people to seek advice from a qualified advisor to

find the best solution based on their individual circumstances.

"Remortgaging generally carries other costs including product fees, legal costs and valuation fees which need to be factored in too."

Another option could be to overpay on your mortgage now.

This means that when your deal ends and rates will have gone up, you'll have a smaller balance to repay interest on, which will lower your interest repayments.

It could be an idea to save your cash that would have gone towards paying off the early repayment charge by paying off your mortgage quicker.

Charcol's Mr Mendes said: "You can typically do this by increasing your monthly direct debit or make lump sum payments."

But some mortgages have a limit on what you can overpay – typically ten per cent of the value of the outstanding loan per year, but it can vary.

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'Months of crackly phoneline and pixelated telly, but Virgin Media engineers could not help'

Q I AM having problems with my landline and TV service.

My phone line is crackly and cuts off, and my TV picture is fuzzy. Eight engineers have visited, but the issues haven't been fixed, even though I have complained numerous times to my provider, Virgin Media. Can you please help resolve this?

PAULINE STICKELS, 70, Kent

A You told me your phone is your "life-line" – it helps you keep in touch with your family.

Understandably you have been frustrated and worried as this debacle has gone on for several weeks.

At the end of your tether, you came to me, asking me to go to Virgin Media on your behalf to sort out the issue.

The problems started in May. Your phone would suddenly cut off mid-call to your loved ones.

It also meant you couldn't watch your favourite TV shows because the picture was pixelated.

Unbelievably eight engineers have been out to investigate – but none of them has solved the error.

It took Virgin Media another month to fix the problem – a total of seven weeks and more than 15 engineer visits

since the problems started. Now you finally get to watch the telly and take your calls without them being cut off. I also asked Virgin Media what compensation you are entitled to.

It is signed up to regulator Ofcom's automatic compensation scheme, which means customers will get their money back from their provider when things go wrong.

Virgin Media said it would credit £782.40 to your account.

A spokesperson said: "We apologise to Ms Stickells for the issues she has experienced with her services."

If you are not getting the service you signed up for, you should investigate your compensation rights. You might be in line for a payout for the hassle.

England or Wales. If you're in Scotland visit homenergy-scotland.org.

3 IT'S CURTAINS FOR HEAT LOSS

Heavy lined curtains can help keep heat inside. If you don't want to replace your drapes you could pin or sew on an extra layer of fabric on the reverse side.

Eliminating gaps around the window frame will also make a big difference. Wilko sells self-adhesive rubber tape for £4.95 a roll.

4 DIAL IT DOWN

Adjust the flow settings on your boiler to make sure they're at the optimal level as they are often much higher than they need to be.

The ideal temperature is around 55C but some boilers can be as high as 80C.

Check the guide on homeserve.com on how to bleed your radiators to make them more efficient.

5 INSPECT A GADGET Check the energy ratings on the appliances around your home so you know how efficient they are.

In some cases it might be worth shelling out to replace older kettles or toasters if they cost a lot to run.

Confusingly, old-style labels might rate a product's efficiency as A++, but this only corresponds to a B or C on the newer labels you'll find on the most up-to-date gadgets.

But you can look up manuals online to find out running costs.

LEAH MILNER



TIPS TO PREP HOME IN WINTER



NEW Prime Minister Liz Truss has revealed that energy prices will be frozen for two years meaning the average household will pay £2,500 a year.

But it's still a huge sum and the true figure you pay will still depend on how much energy you use.

So it's more important than ever to make sure your home is fully prepped for winter.

Here are five things you should do right now to help lower your bills...

1 DRIVE OUT DRAUGHTS

Using draught excluders to block any gaps under doors could save £45 a year by stopping heat escaping.

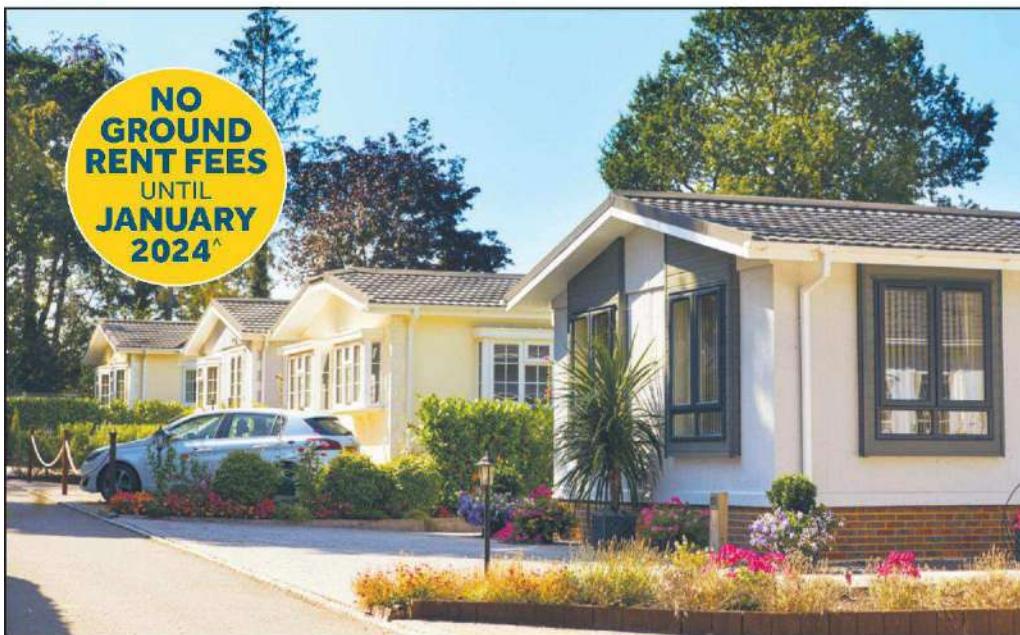
You can pick them up from Amazon for around a fiver or check out home stores such as B&M, Dunelm and Toolstation for other options.

2 INSULATE YOUR LOFT Insulating your loft is one of the most cost effective ways to cut heat loss and reduce bills. You can buy rolls of 100mm insulation for about £20-£25 for eight metres, but you'll probably need three layers to notice a difference as experts recommend a depth of 270mm.

Check whether you qualify for a grant. Lots of suppliers offer financial help to those on certain benefits, which cover loft or cavity wall insulation.

Use the eligibility calculator at simpleenergyadvice.org.uk if you live in





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Sun travel

Edited by LISA MINOT



hot spot
IT'S 32C in the Turkish city of BODRUM – Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 4* Ramada Resort by Wyndham Akbuk is from £388pp, including flights from Bristol on Sept 29. See easyjet.com.

hot spot
TENERIFE is 27C – seven nights' all-inclusive at The Sol Tenerife in Playa de las Américas is from £577pp, including flights from Luton on September 25. See loveholidays.com.



TOP NOTCH... treehouse

HOLIDAYMAKERS after staycation spots with a little wow factor won't have trouble finding them at Hoseasons.

The holiday rentals company has picked out six of its best properties to be part of its standout Magnificent Collection.

Newly added to the collection is Henllys Hall Woodland Lodge, near Oswestry, Shropshire. It offers a cluster of superior

lodges, pods and two new luxury treehouses.

These incredible structures which sleep four people, sit 36ft above the ground and feature a rooftop hot tub with views across the countryside setting.

Guests also get to enjoy a walled garden, new coffee lounge and a bar that serves food and cocktails. See hoseasons.co.uk/magnificent.



FUN TIME... at Butlin's

FAMILIES looking to snap up a bargain for next year can now book a Butlin's holiday for as little as £3 per person per night.

New for next year are Showtime Tots breaks which combine two of the resort's popular family packages – Showtime and Just for Tots getaways.

The kid-friendly getaway will offer messy play and Play-Doh kitchen activities as well as live music and game shows. Next year will also see the return of The Masked Singer Live, based on the TV show, with new characters and celebrity performers.

Showtime midweek breaks start at £49, including accommodation, all live shows, access to pools and unlimited rides on the fairground. See butlins.com.

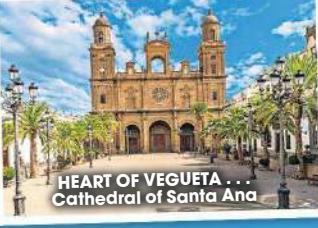
BEACHES, FAB FOOD AND EVEN FABBER WINE



BUZZ... al fresco dining in grand setting



MAKING WAVES... relax at Las Canteras beach



HEART OF VEGUETA... Cathedral of Santa Ana



FISH OF THE DAY... great-value local food



PLUSH... manor house

check in... check it out

HORWOOD HOUSE, BUCKS
WHAT'S IT LIKE? As you approach Horwood House down a tree-lined driveway, you are greeted by the sight of the stunning manor house. It would make a jaw-dropping backdrop for a wedding photograph. So it was no surprise there were FOUR weddings taking place either side of our one-night stay.

And there are plenty of rooms for all of those guests to lay their prosecco-sozzled heads – 165 in total.

Set in beautiful countryside, public transport isn't that straightforward but there's masses of parking. **ROOMS ANY GOOD?** My nine-year-old daughter Madeleine and I had a deluxe twin room and it ticked all of the higher-end hotel room boxes – wall-mounted TV, free wifi, comfy beds with



CLASSY... dining room

crisp white linens and a selection of fruity tea infusions.

EAT HERE OR GRAB A PIZZA? Oh, eat here for sure. Harry's Bar has a lovely contemporary feel and the food is excellent. Madeleine declared her burger "the best I've ever eaten". My rib-eye steak was perfectly cooked.

WHAT ELSE? A lovely bonus came when we took a stroll around the grounds at dusk. Hopping around were hundreds of rabbits.

"Please can we try to catch one and take it home with us?" I pleaded with Madeleine, before she calmly talked me through the logistics and practicalities and I dropped the subject, in a bit of a huff.

SO YOU'D GO BACK? Definitely. A huge bonus was the H Spa's superb pool, which Madeleine adored. And it would be worth returning just to let her see the staff again; they were, without exception, kindness personified.

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE? Rooms cost from £179 per night, with breakfast included. See horwoodhouse.co.uk.

DAVID FIRTH

The Gran tour... of Las Palmas bars



PICTURE THE SCENE... selfie with Las Palmas

WITH golden beaches and year-round sunshine, Gran Canaria is a classic fly-and-flop destination.

And yet its capital, away from the beaches in the south, has plenty to offer those looking for a great-value city break.

Christopher Columbus stopped here on his way to America in 1492. These days it's a working city with an atmospheric historic quarter, thriving port and lively shopping districts.

WHY SHOULD I GO?

There's not just one but five beaches in the city. Las Canteras has more than three miles of golden sand on the western side of the city. El Confital, to the north, is wilder, rugged and famous for surfing. On the other side is Las Alcaravaneras, in front of the port, ideal for sunbathing and sports. To the south are La Laja and San Cristobal, both much quieter.

ARE THESE STREETS MADE FOR WALKING?

The pedestrianised cobbled streets of the historical quarter of Vegueta are lined with traditional colonial build-

ings, complete with flower-filled balconies. At its heart is the Cathedral of Santa Ana, the first church in the Canaries, dating from 1500. Climb to the top of the tower for an extensive view over the city.

In the north of the city, there's a wooden walkway from La Puntilla to the Isleta Peninsula, now a protected wild landscape. After a dip in the sea at El Confital, take a trail upwards to the tiny village of Las Coloradas, just below the highest mountain in Las Palmas. A couple of restaurants here offer good local food and great views of the city.

ANYTHING FOR BUCKET LIST?

Just behind the cathedral is the Casa de Colón, where Columbus was received by the governor before setting off on his voyage. The impressive exterior has imposing wooden balconies and an ornate entrance. Inside is a museum dedicated to Columbus' life and travels featuring a crucifix from his first voyage.

Just 20 minutes' drive from the city is an extinct volcanic crater, the Caldera de Bandama, the site of the last eruption on the island over 2,000 years ago. It's 200m deep and 1,000m

GO: LAS PALMAS

GETTING THERE: Jet2, Ryanair, easyJet and Tui fly direct to Gran Canaria from London and many regional airports. Prices in October start from £67 return. See skyscanner.net.

STAYING THERE: Rooms at the Hotel Santa Catalina from £166 per night. See barcelo.com/es-es/santa-catalina-a-royal-hideaway-hotel. Otry the Lumm Hotel from £83 per night. See lummholtel.com. Near the historic quarter, the Occidental Las Palmas has rooms from £83. See barcelo.com/en-es/occidental-las-palmas.

wide. Visit at dawn when the caldera is full of mist and lava is glowing.

WHERE SHOULD I EAT?

Vegueta and Triana are the places where locals go to eat tapas. Stroll through the area, stopping for wine and tapas wherever you fancy.

In the north of the city, the Mercado del Puerto has an excellent mix of tapas bars and food stalls. Explore the streets behind the beachfront restaurants where cafes and bars offer remarkably good value meals.

I FANCY A DRINK

Every street has a neighbourhood bar, with the Vegueta area having the best selection. You're more likely to find craft beers and designer cocktails in the north of the city.

The island is home to nearly 40 different grape varieties, with 24 only found here. The Gran Canaria Wine Route features ten wineries as well as restaurants and hotels. Within easy reach of the city are Hoyos de Bandama and the smaller Señorio de Cabrera. Both offer tastings with a selection of local cheese and sausage.

North of the city, in Arucas, rum has been produced for over a hundred years. Guided 45-minute tours of the Arehucas Distillery include a tasting of rums and liqueurs.

WHERE SHOULD I STAY?

The classy Hotel Santa Catalina, built in 1890, has hosted royalty, film stars and presidents. Close to the historic centre and Las Canteras beach, it's now been completely refurbished and Brad Pitt was a recent guest. Come for a sundowner on the roof by the pool, or for dinner in one of its stylish restaurants.

RUPERT PARKER

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OUR Take Three column offers a trio of cut-out-and-keep holiday suggestions. If you loved pics of actors Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling in neon '80s gear while filming the new Barbie movie, then these Barbie-themed breaks are ideal for you.

GET DOLLED UP IN STYLE



BUDGET – Hotel Le Milie Rose, Paris: Expect bubblegum pillows, pastel pink walls and a restaurant to match.

This 4★ hotel is bang in the centre of the French capital and sits about half an hour's walk from the Louvre, the Champs-Elysées and Notre Dame.

Round the corner is traditional French bistro La Maison Bleue, which serves salads, burgers and classic cheese boards.

One night's B&B from £113.50pp, based on two people sharing.



BARGAIN – Ritz-Carlton Abama, Tenerife: This entirely pink 5★ hotel makes Barbie's Dream House look like a shed – and it tops hotels.com's list of most popular pink hotels.

From the tropical palm trees that surround the seven outdoor pools, to the lavish bedrooms with terracotta terraces, it's an Instagrammer's paradise.

Right on the beachfront, it overlooks the beautiful Playa Abama. Make sure you visit the swish spa while you are here, too.

One night's B&B costs from £137.50pp, based on two people sharing.



BLOW OUT – The May Fair Hotel, London: The Schiaparelli Suite in this glam hotel was named after Italian couture designer Elsa Schiaparelli, whose favourite colour was fuchsia – and it sure sticks to that theme.

The bedside lamps are a garish shade of pink, as is the leather chair and feature wall.

You'll be resting in pure luxury and well placed to explore one of the glitziest areas of London, with Oxford Street's shops just up the road and Buckingham Palace only a ten-minute walk away.

A one-night stay costs from £746pp, based on two sharing.

For more details of all three getaways, see [hotels.com](#).

DUBAI: Three nights' half-board at the JA Ocean View Hotel is from £899pp, including flights from Gatwick on selected dates between May 15 and 26. Book by September 30. See [emiratesholidays.com](#).

RIVER CRUISE: A four-night Taste Of The Netherlands river cruise is from £579pp, full-board, departing from Dusseldorf on October 5 and including flights from Birmingham. Port calls at Rotterdam and Amsterdam. See [tui.co.uk/river-cruises](#) or call 0800 975 4477.

YORKSHIRE: Seven nights' self-catering at Middle Row Cottage in Richmond is from £19pp per night, based on four people sharing. See [yorkshirehideaways.co.uk](#).

NEW FOREST: Three nights' B&B at the 4★

lates

Balmer Lawn Hotel costs from £145pp on selected dates in autumn. For more details see [balmerlawnhotel.com](#) or call 01590 623 116.

GRAN CANARIA: Seven nights' B&B at the 4★ Seaside Sandy Beach is from £901pp, including flights from East Midlands on October 23 and based on a family of four. See [easyjet.com/holidays](#) or call 0800 408 6264.

SPAIN: Three nights' B&B at the 5★ Hesperia Alicante is from £439pp, including flights from East Midlands on October 10. See [jet2holidays.com](#) or call 0800 408 5594.

CYPRUS: Seven nights' half-board at the 4★ King Evelthon Beach Hotel & Resort in Paphos is from £409pp, including flights from Luton on January 29, 2023. See [olympicholidays.com](#).



BAD APPLE . . . Evil Queen and other villains

SPOIL YOURSELF ON A BARGAIN BREAK



TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

TEMPERATURES still reach 26C in November around Tampa Bay. Foodies will love the 4★ Epicurean Hotel, which has some of the area's best restaurants within walking distance.

It features stylish, minimalist rooms as well as an Elemis spa. But best of all are the regular cooking classes and shows held in the hotel's theatre, where you will learn to whip up works of art on a plate.

Four nights' room-only costs from £803pp, including flights from Gatwick on selected dates in November. See [ba.com/tampa](#).

MEXICO

IF you have saved up and are looking to splurge it on one blow-out trip, there is no way you will be disappointed at the 5★ Unico 20°87° on Mexico's Riviera Maya.

This really is all-inclusive. Not only are delicious Mexican food and cocktails included, but also some spa treatments and excursions, such as snorkelling, swimming with the dolphins and island boat tours.

You will be staying in an ultra-lavish Alcoba swim-up room – so you don't need to leave your room to take a dip – and it also comes with a private terrace.

Seven nights' all-inclusive costs from £1,794pp, with flights from Gatwick on selected dates in September. See [ba.com/unico](#) or call 0344 493 0124.

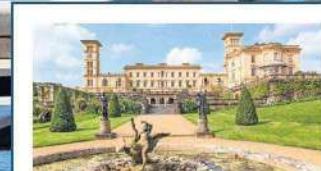


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Autumn

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DISNEY DEVILS TAKE OVER

TO celebrate Disneyland Paris's 30th anniversary, the resort will be crawling with famous villains and spooky treats.

It is for a Halloween takeover from October 1 to November 6, with autumn decorations and gruesome grub such as Maleficent Sundaes and Mickey Mummy lollipops.

Guests will come face-to-face with evil movie characters, including Cruella de Vil, Captain Hook and the Queen of Hearts, who will be hosting light projection and musical performances at the castle.

On October 29 and 31, there will also be Halloween parties where the park's scariest

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attractions, including Phantom Manor and Pirates Of The Caribbean, will stay open until 2am.

After these festivities end, the park will go straight into Christmas mode, complete with a 24m tree and a festive parade.

The event takes place from November 12 to January 8 and includes a New Year's Eve party with late-night rides and fireworks.

Christmas packages start from £309pp, including a two-night stay in a Disney hotel, three-day park access and flights from Luton on November 13. See disneyholidays.co.uk to book, or disneylandparis.com.



PIRATE ON PARADE . . . Captain Hook

FOR ADULTS NOW SUMMER'S GONE



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If you've ditched the kids for a couple's getaway, go all out at the 4★ Tui Blue Atlantica Nissaki Beach in Corfu and indulge in a week of spas, pebble beaches and gourmet Greek food.

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Seven nights' all-inclusive is from £518pp, including Birmingham flights on October 16. See tui.co.uk.



TENERIFE

READY to jump on a plane right away? Fly before the end of the month and get a week in Tenerife for less than £500.

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TALL TALES . . . feeding giraffe and meeting the meerkats

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lions dozing in the shade, before pulling up alongside Minerva, a female Amur tiger, lazing on a tree trunk.

As Minerva yawned, baring her large white teeth, Bob told us how she never used to nap in such a high location until a new, young, male tiger called Dimitri was introduced to the enclosure.

Shrewdly, she wants to keep an eye out for the new boy because she doesn't know or trust him yet. We learned all about the creatures we saw, including American black bears, Asian elephants, camels, a white rhino, zebras, buffalo and Canadian timber wolves.

My little ones giggled when a curious emu came right up to our truck to peck at his reflection in the window.

Meerkat encounter

We were also treated to an up-close view of a mischievous monkey through the truck's glass roof as he munched on the seeds that Bob had sprinkled there.

If that's not enough one-on-one time with the animals, then for an additional cost visitors can book a meerkat encounter where you interact with them in their natural habitat as they scurry around your feet.

If you'd rather watch from a distance, the foot trail takes you through the lorikeet aviary, past bush dogs, reptiles, giant tortoises, penguins and sea lions. It's in this region of the park that the regular keeper talks are held.

As Bob put it: "We are in their enclosure and they are the ones looking at us." Well, we were more than happy to be gawped at, especially if it meant a VIP pass into their homes.

CAROLINE IGGULDEN



GAME ON... Caroline and kids with Ranger Bob

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AUTUMN DELIGHT: Harrogate Autumn Flower Show takes place at Newby Hall from September 16-18. It features plant nurseries, live displays, giant veg and Britain's biggest display of autumn blooms. Entry includes access to the award-winning gardens, plus great garden shopping and crafts. See flowershow.org.uk.

PLANT OF THE WEEK: *Gladiolus bicolor "Murielae"* – Formerly known as *Acidanthera*, this easy-to-grow perennial has fragrant white flowers with a chocolate-brown marking at the base of each petal in late summer. It prefers a sunny position and moist, well-drained soil. Usually sold as dry bulbs.



TIMELY TIP: As fruits such as apples and pears start ripening, watch out for any that may be damaged by wasps or birds. Once they start feeding on damaged fruits, they soon begin on undamaged ones. Harvest any damaged fruits and use them straight away, as they won't keep.

YOU ASK

Q WILL removing a large fungus from my tree stop it spreading?

F BAILEY, Cheltenham

A Breaking off the growth may help check the spread of the fungus for a while. But realistically there is little that can be done to prevent the fungus from killing the tree. Contact an approved member of the Arboricultural Association for advice.

Q WHAT causes small blobs of sap on my plum fruits?

T BOSTOCK

A Grantham, Lincs This "gumming" is usually caused by the plant being stressed and often happens after a long dry period. These are blobs of pectin and can be removed – as they seem to have no detrimental effect on the flavour or keeping-qualities of the fruit.

Our type on paper

GRANVIA BRIGHT DELIGHT

MANY of us have grown "straw" or "paper" flowers – previously known as *Helichrysum* – to use in dry arrangements long after they have finished flowering outside.

They are now called Xerochrysum and the variety *Granvia Gold*, which has been around for several years, has proved hugely popular.

The flowers are large and last a long time on bushy, annual plants that bloom from May to September outdoors.

At the annual Four Oaks Trade Show near Macclesfield, Cheshire, this week, we were pleased to see there are now five additional colours

DISPLAY...
Paul Jackson

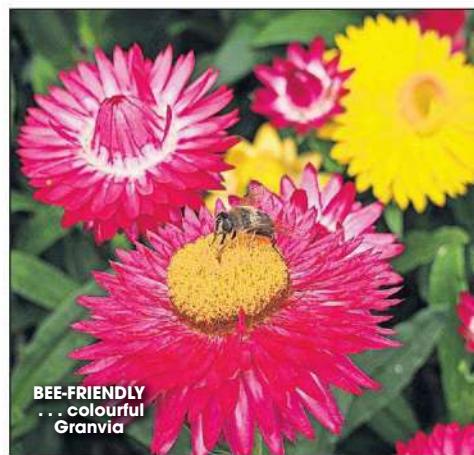


in the range. They are all bright and vibrant – and very attractive to bees. Paul Jackson, who was showing the plants, says they are easy to grow, have performed well through the heat this summer and are ideal as both cut flowers and dried for arrangements.

Granvia are great for getting children interested in gardening, as the flowers close at night, open during the day and feel strangely papery from the start.

As the flower ages, the petals reflex to show the pollen in the centre.

If next summer is as hot as this one, plants like these that grow in soil or containers, enjoy the heat and flower for months, may be a good choice.



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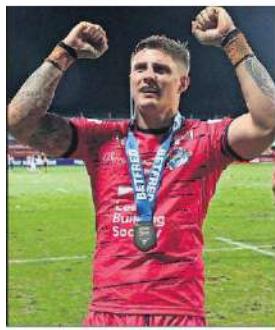
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PRIZE GUY ... Sutcliffe celebrates

Sutcliffe slays the Dragons

Catalans 10
Leeds 20

By GARY CARTER

LIAM SUTCLIFFE rose above the bitterness as Leeds punished Catalans' indisipline last night. His hat-trick started dreams of a repeat of 2011 and 2012 and winning Super League from fifth.

And boss Rohan Smith believes control was key as the Dragons let go of theirs and ended the match with just 11 on the field.

Centre Sutcliffe's treble — including leaping above Dean Whare twice — sealed success to end the hopes of last year's Old Trafford losers.

The hosts had THREE sin-binnings and Welshman Gil Dudson sent off late on for a crazy headbutt on Aidan Sezer.

Tempers were frayed from the off at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

But Smith, whose side face either St Helens or Wigan in the semi-final, insisted: "We were very controlled. We tried pulling them apart a bit and we did."

"We were calm and composed through the chaos and the scenes at the end, with missiles being thrown, were disappointing.

"The ref adjudicated things strongly but our guys stood up in a hostile environment."

Leeds-born Sutcliffe, 27 said: "There's confidence there and our character's massive.

"We toughed it out, which we're really happy with. The job's not done yet though."

Dragons star Mitchell Pearce was sin-binned twice, while Whare grabbed their only try.

Boss Steve McNamara snapped: "When you're down to 12 men so much, it doesn't help but there was a huge amount of frustration from our players and it got the better of them."

Brodie is winging it

SALFORD'S Brodie Croft is ready for rivals giving him the bird — since he saw his dad tackled by ostriches as a kid!

Aussie half-back Croft's side will be one game away from the Super League Grand Final if they beat Huddersfield today.

But his education in the 13-man code started at five, as his father, John, tried to control birds at the ostrich farm they lived on in Queensland.

Croft, 25, said: "They're quick, they're strong and they're vicious — just like rugby league players.

"I'd sit on a motorbike and watch. I saw them take dad out a couple of times but he's a rough-and-tumble guy."

"He brushed it off like water off a duck's back. I guess that's where I got my tougher side."

US OPEN TENNIS

Joe's 2 good

BRIT HERO SALISBURY DOUBLES UP

JOE SALISBURY showed just why he is the world No 1 doubles player with more glory in New York.

The Wimbledon ace and American Rajeev Ram became the first pair since Aussies Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde in 1996 to defend the US Open men's doubles title.

They beat Neal Skupski and Wesley Koolhof 7-6 7-5 in under two hours on the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

And this result means Salisbury, 30, will retain his position at the summit of the ATP rankings even though Liverpool battler Skupski was primed to take over.

Salisbury, who splits a prize pot of £600,000 with Ram, has overcome painful back issues this summer to secure a fifth Major doubles crown.

He said: "This is pretty crazy. I can't believe we're standing here again."

"It is so special to play in this incredible stadium. And to have that

From ROB MAUL

piece of history, to win this twice in a row, is amazing. "I'm sure we will have more battles in the future. "This is a really special place. I always say my favourite Slam is Wimbledon — I'm a bit biased and I love playing at home — but this comes a very close second."

Ram, 38, said: "I came here the first year this stadium opened and played a kids day aged 14."

"I watched Pete Sampras win this tournament. I watched Andy Roddick win here as well as Serena and Venus Williams, too."

"So to be a small part of that as an American... I don't know what to say."

"It has been an amazing four years with Joe. I hope we can keep going."

As a mark of respect following the death of the

Queen, Salisbury wore a black armband and Skupski a black ribbon.

And Salisbury also purposefully played down his celebrations.

He added: "It didn't feel appropriate to be overly celebrating or at least showing that too much."

"Everybody back home and around the world is in mourning at the moment."

"Obviously we are very happy with the success but it's a sad time."

There was little to choose between the teams in a tight 58-minute first set played in front of a decent midday crowd.

The decisive moments came in the tie-break as Salisbury and Ram came from 4-1 down to take the early advantage. They won six points in a row.

At the business end of the

second set, Koolhof was told to "keep talking" by his box as it was felt he and Skupski were too quiet.

But that advice fell on deaf ears as Salisbury, who received a time violation in the ninth game of the second set, smashed home the winning point after a sloppy Skupski forehand.

All four players will now head to Glasgow for the Davis Cup, with Britain's group fixtures going ahead as planned next week.

Andy Murray is set to lead the squad out against the USA, Holland and Kazakhstan between Wednesday and Friday.

• **NICK KYRGIOS** has been hit with £28,200 in fines, including one of £12,200 for his outrageous outburst in his US Open last-eight exit.

The Aussie smashed three rackets and swore repeatedly during his five-set loss to Karen Khachanov.

Murray, Dan Evans, Cameron Norrie and Lloyd Glasspool were also docked from between £2,588 to £4,340 for unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal abuse and racket smashes.

DOUBLE VISION ...
Salisbury 'n' Ram with cup

JAB DECKS LEO

By ROB MAUL

ONS JABEUR is becoming a bigger star than Lionel Messi in her homeland as she looks to make women's sporting history today.

She faces Poland's world No 1 Iga Swiatek, 21, in the US Open singles final which starts at 9pm.

Jabeur, who lost the Wimbledon final to Elena Rybakina, is trying to become the first African, Arab and Tunisian woman to lift a Slam in the Open era.

In a country of 12 million where football is a religion, her

matches have been prime-time viewing ahead of Messi's Paris Saint-Germain European ties.

Jabeur, 28, said: "It was the Champions League this week and Juventus playing PSG. In Tunisia it's all about soccer but people were not watching the game, they were watching my game, which is impressive to me.

"Parents are making their kids play tennis right now. If I win a Major, it will definitely give a powerful message in my country."



INSPIRING ... Jabeur

Long Ruud to the final

CASPER RUUD aims to follow in the footsteps of Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg as Scandi Slam winners.

The Norwegian beat Russian Karen Khachanov 7-6 6-2 5-7 6-2 in the semi-finals last night.

Ruud, 23, sealed a 58-minute first set on his third set-point when Khachanov, 26, netted after an extraordinary 55-shot rally.

The second set took just 33 minutes and although Ruud had a wobble by losing the third, he quickly made amends.



FOSTER ... "respectful"

Brendan:
Run's on

TOMORROW'S Great North Run will go ahead as planned in the North East.

About £25million is expected to be raised for charity as 60,000 runners tackle the half marathon from Newcastle city centre to South Shields.

Race founder Sir Brendan Foster said: "We are confident we can continue in a way that will remain respectful of the Queen and the Royal Family."

"We would encourage runners to communicate their respect for the Queen in any way they feel appropriate."

The event, which began in 1981, was won by Brit Marc Scott in 2021, while Kenyan Hellen Obiri was the fastest woman home.

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

CYCLING

VUELTA A ESPANA: Stage 19 (Talavera de la Reina to Talavera de la Reina, 132.7km) - 1 M Pedersen (Den) Trek-Segafredo 3h 19m 11s, 2 F Wright (GB) Bahrain Victorious at same time. **Overall** - 1 R Evenepoel (Bel) Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl Team 3h 18m 23s, 2 E Ma (Spa) Movistar Team +2m 47s.

ICE HOCKEY

Premier Sports CHALLENGE CUP GROUP A: Glasgow Clan 5 Fife Flyers 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LIGE ELIMINATION: CATALANS (4) 10 LEEDS (12) 20 Catalans - Tries: Whare, Goals: Tomkins (3). Leeds - Tries: Sutcliffe (3). Goals: Hardaker (4).

RUGBY UNION

RFL CHAMPIONSHIP - Cornish P's 21 Richmond 14, Coventry 26 Bedford 18. **LEAGUE - ONE:** Chinnor 30 Rams 46.

TENNIS

US OPEN (Flushing Meadows, New York): **Men's semi-final** - C Ruud (Nor) bt K Khachanov (Rus) 6-7 (5-7) 6-2 5-7 6-2.

Men's Doubles final - (1) R Ram (USA) & J Salisbury (GB) 7-6 (7-4) 7-5.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals - C McHale (USA) & T Townsend (USA) bt (12) C Dolehide (USA) & S Sanders (Aus) 1-6 6-3 6-3.

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

Third Test: England v South Africa (The Kia Oval, 11am).

Women's First T20 International: England v India (Riverside, 7pm).

GOLF (all weekend)

BMW PGA Championship (Wentworth).

ICE HOCKEY

Premier Sports Challenge Cup Group A: Fife v Dundee (7.15).

Elite League (7.00): Manchester v Coventry, Nottingham v Guildford, Sheffield v Cardiff.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League Play-Offs Round 1 (1.00): Huddersfield v Salford.

Betfred Championship: Whitehaven v Newcastle (3.00).

RUGBY UNION

Callagher Premiership (3.00): Exeter v Leicester, London Irish v Worcester, Newcastle v Harlequins, Bristol v Bath (5.30).

Greene King IPA Championship (3.00): Amphiill v Jersey Reds, Caldy v Hartpury RFC, Ealing Trailfinders v Doncaster, London Scottish v Nottingham.

TENNIS (all weekend)

US Open (Flushing Meadows, New York).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Third Test: England v South Africa (The Kia Oval, 11am).

Third One Day International: Australia v New Zealand (Cairns, 5.20am).

FORMULA 1 - Italian GP (Monza, 2.00).

ICE HOCKEY

Premier Sports Challenge Cup Group A: Dundee v Glasgow (5.00).

League: Cardiff v Manchester (6.00), Coventry v Nottingham (5.30), Guildford v Sheffield (6.00).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Championship (3.00): Bradford v Widnes, Halifax v Featherstone, Leigh v Batley, London Broncos v Barrow, York v Workington.

RUGBY UNION

Callagher Premiership (3.00): Gloucester v Wasps, Sale v Northampton.



WIGGINS...bravery

Cyclists' helpline for abuse

By ROB MAUL

A CONFIDENTIAL helpline has been set up for British cyclists to report abuse after Sir Bradley Wiggins' allegations of sexual grooming.

The NSPCC children's charity launched a free and independent phone network for those wishing to seek advice or speak out about mistreatment in the sport.

Qualified counsellors will be available if required and can be reached daily by calling 0800 614 458 or emailing help@nspcc.org.uk

It comes six months after former Tour de France champion and five-time Olympic gold medallist Wiggins, 42, shared his own personal experience of being groomed as a 13-year-old by a former coach.

A similar NSPCC hotline was set up for British gymnasts in July 2020 and the hundreds of complaints and allegations it received were an integral part of the sport-changing Whyte Review.

NSPCC national services director Kam Thandi was full of praise for the retired cycling superstar.

She said: "Bradley Wiggins has shown real bravery in speaking out about being sexually groomed as a young cyclist by his coach.

"It's vital that anyone else with similar experiences in the sport feels like they have a place to go for help and support.

"There is absolutely no space for any form of abuse within cycling or any sports."

Bristol's telly KO

BRISTOL fear a £200,000 hit after their derby clash with Bath was pushed back less than 22 hours.

Bears' Ashton Gate showdown and Sale's game with Northampton were both postponed last night.

Bristol fear a cash shortfall due to refunds and a smaller crowd spending less on booze and food with today's 5.30pm kick-off also not on BT Sport.

Saints were already on the road when their game was moved to TOMORROW — and Friday's TV clash with London Irish shifted to the following day, with no cameras, to avoid a five-day turnaround.

Premiership Rugby lagged behind other sports in deciding if games were on or off, leaving fans confused.

One source described the chaos by saying: "It makes Premiership Rugby look a bit disorderly."

THE PREMIERSHIP'S BACK

NO DILLY DALYING

Lawrence: Forget World Cup..

get stuck in now



ALL OUT... Owen Farrell has been told he must not wrap himself in cotton wool

HIS TIPS FOR NEW SEASON

THERE are no doubts in Lawrence Dallaglio's mind about the two title favourites.

He said: "If any of the teams stop Leicester or Saracens getting to a final they would have done outstandingly well."

"Teams that win at home are going to be in the top two — and they play at StoneX and Welford Road. Bristol could have a say in proceedings and Exeter. Gloucester are going to have to contend with international selection because their players and Harlequins' are starting to get picked."

"Northampton played Leicester off the park in parts of their semi-final but left points out on the pitch."

By ADAM HATHAWAY

LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO has urged England's stars to can thoughts of France 2023 and put their bodies on the line in the Premiership, which starts today.

Last night's scheduled opening games were postponed as a mark of respect following the death of the Queen but the league has four fixtures this afternoon.

Thursday marked a year to go to the World Cup but Dallaglio reckons stars such as Courtney Lawes and Owen Farrell should put that on the back burner.

Dallaglio, 50, won the league title with Wasps in 2003 before landing the Webb Ellis Cup with England a few months later.

The legendary No8 won five titles with his club and reckons the best bet for stars is to go hell for leather from the word go — which will in turn help England boss Eddie Jones.

Dallaglio (below) said: "I never used to play the game thinking, 'I have got to play within myself'.

"You go out there full on and you have got to be gladiatorial."

"Two months before the World Cup I would be wrapping myself up in cotton wool."

"But for now, get to Christmas alive and well, get to Easter alive and well and get to Calais alive and well."

"As a player you can't think about the future with the fixture list as congested as it is."

"I would be looking at a good run of ten games and I would also think, 'I want to walk into the England team hotel as one of the best players'.

"I don't want to walk in and have three of my best mates taking the p*** out of me because they have beaten my club side."

"If you are not in the international shake-up at the moment you have got to do something pretty quickly to get in there."

"We have got ten Premiership games to start the season and that is a good thing."

"I used to get excited about the first six rounds because, in the days we played, there wasn't an England squad announced until after that."

"You would want to put in a couple of pretty solid performances early on to get in the mix."

The Premiership is on the back foot with Worcester in financial strife and other clubs targeted by the tax man.

And Dallaglio reckons it is time for the blazers to get their heads together and lead the game out of the doldrums.

He added: "The consequences of Covid are starting to hit us all."

"Nobody has been able to go into stadiums and venues and spend any money."

"We are a live-people business and the reality is the bills and wages were not stopped but the money was not coming in."

"Every club — and rugby itself — has been set back."

"We need to get everyone sitting down together — clubs, RFU, PRL, CVC — and go, 'Right, let's move this game forward and get everyone back on track'."

BT Sport is the home of Gallagher Premiership Rugby. This new season kicks off with Exeter v Leicester today at 3pm on BT Sport 2. See www.bt.com/sport/rugby-union for more details.

WARRIOR MATT FIGHTS ON

By ADAM HATHAWAY

MATT KVESIC feared he would never play for Worcester again but gets at least one more game with them today.

Flanker Kvesic was Warriors' youngest ever player when he made his debut aged 17 in 2009 and returned to Sixways in 2020 after stints at Gloucester and Exeter.

Kvesic, 30, revealed: "We didn't get paid on time last month, nor the month before."

"But not once did I think about jacking it in. I've experienced a couple of different clubs which I am really grateful for but

London Irish v Worcester

3pm

this is my home and to see where we are now is upsetting.

"We've got the right people in the right positions to try and take the club forward. We've hit a bit of a bump now but it's the kind of thing that brings everyone together."

Alex Dombrandt skipper HARLEQUINS at NEWCASTLE, while champ LEICESTER pick Chris Ashton at full-back at EXETER.

Ex-Tigers prop England's Ellis Genge, starts for BRISTOL, in his second stint for the club against BATH in a game moved from last night.





FLEETWOOD ... leader

Stars join hackers on range

By DAVID FACEY

SOME of the world's best golfers ended up at local driving ranges, as the BMW PGA Championship organisers confirmed the event would resume at 6.40am today.

Practice facilities remained closed at Wentworth yesterday, after the first round was halted following the death of the Queen on Thursday.

The decision to resume the event and play it as a 54-hole tournament was confirmed after 2pm yesterday, causing a scramble to hit some balls.

Joint first-round leader Tommy Fleetwood headed to Sunningdale and other players were able to use the facilities at other exclusive clubs, such as Queenwood and Foxhills.

But some were not so well-connected and joined weekend hackers at driving ranges in Ascot and Slough.

Thirty players in the 144-man field had not completed their first round when play was suspended on Thursday.

Those in the final groups will have to play up to six holes before heading back on to the course after a break of around 40 minutes.

The decision to complete the DP World Tour's flagship event was taken after talks with government and Buckingham Palace officials.

Fleetwood, fellow Englishman Andy Sullivan and world No 10 Viktor Hovland, from Norway, all shot eight-under-par 64s to set a hot pace.

Rory McIlroy is four shots back and, with only two rounds remaining, he will need to go low when he tees off at 12.40pm.

Marshall's stoppage

By WALLY DOWNES Jr

BRITISH boxing has KO'd all this weekend's action as a mark of respect to the Royal Family.

Savannah Marshall was due to settle a decade-long feud with American Claressa Shields tonight.

The Sky Sports show is now being pencilled in for October 15 at the O2.

But Marshall's trainer Peter Fury had a dig at Board of Control chiefs for only announcing the decision at 2pm yesterday.

He tweeted: "Savannah has not eaten for 24-plus hours, would have been nice to announce this earlier, 'it's on it's off' etc. Not good for fighters."

"I feel for all the fighters and their whole teams who put so much on the line for this to happen."

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HAMMERS' TRIBUTE

THE announcement our beloved Queen had died was made hours before our Europa Conference League game was due to kick off.

At West Ham we all loved our Queen — it was even rumoured she was a secret Hammer!

Uefa and the FA declared Thursday's game had to go ahead as it was too late to cancel, so we made the best plans we could to honour

her. Black armbands, her magnificent image beaming into the ground, and a rousing, emotional and heartfelt singing of our national anthem — sung so passionately by our claret-and-blue army that it brought a tear to my eye — all featured.

What sadness across the country and at WHU. We send our sincere condolences to the Royal Family. Rest in peace, Your Majesty.

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IN MEMORIAM

HER MAJESTY

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926-2022



HONOURED ... reflection before kick-off and (inset) fans sing the national anthem



Gone too VAR

DAMAGING PREM AND ITS CLUBS

AT WEST HAM we are still angered by the VAR farce that cost us a point at Stamford Bridge last weekend.

So much so that I insisted the PL add VAR and referee standards to their next agenda.

The decision to disallow our goal on Saturday at Chelsea was one of the worst I have seen in over 30 years in football.

It was, in the words of Alan Shearer, a "terrible disgraceful decision, ridiculous".

Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel said the verdict, reached after nearly four minutes of VAR confusion, was correct. And a lot of good it did him.

Truth is that VAR is below an acceptable standard, is bringing the league into disrepute and is financially damaging for clubs.

West Ham lost a point through officials' incompetence and whilst it will not get us back the point stolen, we at least have to try and prevent such incompetence happening again.

When VAR was introduced as the ref's little friend, it was to be a second opinion with offsides and little more. Like all true bureaucracies it has taken over in areas it should

'This is one of the worst decisions I have seen in 30 years in football'



OH DEAR ...
ref Madley reviews goal
at Chelsea



BOW DEAR... Bowen's 'foul'

never have been allowed — handballs in the penalty area, serious looking fouls, indeed in almost any controversy. Gradually our helpful pal has become an ogre.

Which I warned about at the very beginning.

It was always far too easy to hand a useful piece of kit responsibilities it couldn't handle.

Bear in mind, humans overlooking the screens in a room in West London are just as likely to make mistakes as an experienced referee.

And, of course, the individual did on Saturday as did another that day in Newcastle's home match with Crystal Palace, for which the VAR advisor Lee Mason had been kicked

off the desk this weekend. Neither Mason nor our particular scourge, Jarred Gillett, were in a position to make such judgments.

And neither should the actual referees have accepted them.

But, like camouflaged soldiers capturing foreign land, that is the creeping strength of many a zoom system.

And yet you can hope sport's governing bodies will stop falling for such easy-to-apply answers. Which is why the PL agreed instantly that the subject would be added on the agenda at their next meeting.

The highest levels of football are being undermined when clubs are robbed of points by grossly inaccurate decisions.

Those points will have been costly in terms of place money in the Premier League and possibly European competition.

Far from aiding mission creep, we should be examining ways of cutting VAR influence. It is not

justice being seen to be done. It can never be accurate to the nearest shirt button or shoelace.

And long delays for VAR decisions are becoming a vast bore for supporters, who must often wait minutes to see whether a goal is allowed or a penalty given.

What with these delays and the long hold-ups for player treatment, never mind the squirming acts of pretenders, five to ten minutes of added time have become common.

To many of us, the answer is clear. VAR has a place for offside decisions and goal-line rulings.

Otherwise leave all decisions to refs with a player's rights of appeal for sendings off.

And perhaps it should not be used at all until those using it learn how to use it correctly.

Yes, I remember refs getting things wrong but we all understand human error even if we boo it.

Booing VAR is as useless as boozing a late bus.

PREM

ERIC IS ON THE UP

HIGHER AND DIER

'Conte's been good for me'

By TOM BARCLAY

REWIND 18 months and Eric Dier's days playing for England, as well as being a first-choice starter for Spurs, were looking numbered.

He had been left as an unused substitute in six consecutive Premier League games in the final throes of Jose Mourinho's reign, having been a key player earlier that campaign.

Dier's last England cap came four months earlier in November 2020's 4-0 thrashing of Iceland behind closed doors at Wembley.

Yet the 28-year-old has rebuilt himself under Antonio Conte.

And on Thursday there is a strong possibility he will be recalled to a Three Lions squad for the first time since March 2021.

Conte has started Dier in all but three of his 34 Premier League games in charge of Tottenham – and the defender only missed that trio because of injury.

Spir's Italian boss said last week that Dier has improved so much during his time at the club that he can now be regarded as at "an important level of defenders" in the world's best league.

Conte hailed how consistent Dier has become but also the desire in his eyes every day to become "stronger, stronger, stronger".

It was not long ago Dier identified more as a holding midfielder than a ball-playing centre-back in the heart of a back three.

His transition mirrors that of Tottenham legend Ledley King, who at times played at the base of midfield for club and country.

King, 41, said: "I had a conversation with Eric many years back and I said that midfield would make him a better defender when he eventually does decide to make that move."

"Having played in midfield, it gives you a different feeling with players running from midfield. I felt,



for myself, the game became a lot easier and I feel that Eric will be able to feel that as well.

"I thought he was excellent throughout last season. I'm really delighted for him – he's showing his true form and looking like a real top-class centre-half."

Dier heads back to his old stomping ground this week when Spurs play Sporting Lisbon on Tuesday in the Champions League.

Despite being born in Cheltenham, Dier moved to Portugal aged seven and joined Sporting two years later.

He made 31 first-team appearances for the Lisbon giants before moving to Spurs in 2014.

Dier is into his ninth campaign at Tottenham, where he has worked under four permanent managers – Mauricio Pochettino, Mourinho, Nuno

Espirito Santo and Conte. Speaking about his improvement under the latter, Dier said: "Last season I thought I had a good season from start to finish.

"Even under Nuno I thought I was playing well and then obviously the manager now.

"I think it's a lot easier to play when you're enjoying yourself every day, who you're working with. I enjoy the manager and the coaching staff and the way they work."

"It motivated me. I'm learning a system under him here. It's his system, he's the best at it."

"That's something that's really enjoyable and on a personal level what's most exciting is there are so many things I can improve on and get better at under him."

Dier's influence at the back is also

raising the games of those around him like Japhet Tanganga, who came off the bench to play alongside Dier in Wednesday's 2-0 win over Marseille.

Tanganga said: "He's always shown he's very vocal, very encouraging when you're playing and you always know you've got him by your side."

Dier insists he can play in different roles, pointing to how he was deployed on the right or a back three under Pochettino, as well as playing in a back four previously.

But his performances as a commanding, ball-playing centre-back at the heart of Conte's back three will be what has recaptured Gareth Southgate's attention.

With Harry Maguire out of the picture at Manchester United, it seems Dier has chosen the right time to come back into focus.

MAKING THE STEP UP
... Dier has blossomed under Antonio Conte



FRANK ... very happy

Must Bee special to net Frank

By ISABELLE BARKER

THOMAS FRANK says it would take something "crazy special" to tempt him away from Brentford.

The Bees manager has quashed rumours he could replace Graham Potter at Brighton.

Frank, 48, is sought-after having helped Brentford into the top flight since taking charge in 2018.

The Dane said: "I am very happy here and I mean it. So for me it would need to be something crazy special."

Arsenal were said to be keeping tabs on Frank last season when Mikel Arteta was under pressure.

He said: "Would I like to coach in the Champions League?

"Yeah, that could be cool to do one time. But I could do that by going to Europe to a club that doesn't play in England. Let's see."



HASENHUTTL ... plan

He Has to find right balance

By TONY LITTLE

SOUTHAMPTON boss Ralph Hasenhuttl will focus on risk versus reward.

After a 2-1 comeback win over Chelsea, Saints were unlucky to lose 1-0 at Wolves last weekend.

And boss Hasenhuttl knows they need consistency over 90 minutes to push up from mid-table.

The Austrian said: "You can maybe say we don't do as well by giving away the lead too – this is the negative of being better in the second half."

"We deserved more than we got at Wolves and we had chances."

"We must be clear in the message in training that everything wasn't so good."

"Because after half-time we had three situations where we could have conceded a second goal, then the game is gone."

"So it's not only about taking more risks and going for the equaliser – you must be careful and have a good balance, which isn't always there."

CITY GOAL MACHINE



ERLING HAALAND admits his sensational start to life at Manchester City has come as no shock to him.

The £51.4million striker says he is thriving under City boss Pep Guardiola because they are both "football freaks".

Haaland has banged in 12 goals in his first seven matches since his summer switch from Borussia Dortmund — including back-to-back hat-tricks.

He has made the best start in terms of goals of any new arrival in the history of the Premier League.

But the Norway star, 22, told Telemundo Sports: "Of course I'm a bit surprised but it's not a big shock, no."

"Because I know my own qualities and the good team I'm coming into. There's so many good team-mates here."

"It's a beautiful club with really good people here. I

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

love to be in this stadium and we've been having some good moments so far."

Guardiola (below) said he is enjoying the routine of always being asked about Haaland after matches.

And the former RB Salzburg striker revealed he is happy working for the former Barcelona boss.

Haaland said: "It's been good as he's a bit of a football freak, like me. "We both love football, he's crazy about it and that's something I like."

"He thinks of everything, like how you can do things better and that's what I like about him."

"It's a complicated system at City and I've been trying to get it as quickly as possible as I cannot waste time doing anything else."

Haaland admits it feels special to be following in the

footsteps of his father Alfie, 49, by playing for City.

He was just a toddler when his old man was lining up at Maine Road around the turn of the century and much has changed at the club since.

Haaland added: "It's a bit special because he played at City before and now I'm here. I've seen old photos of him when he was here and it's nice to think I play for the same club."

"That was 20 years ago but it is still the same club."

"We have always spoken a lot about football, watching it a lot together and training."

"We have talked here and there about small things and how defenders think compared to strikers."

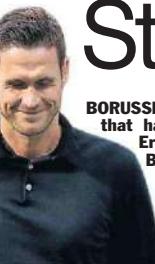
"We still talk football and that's nice to have a former footballer as a dad."



HOW HE COMPARES WITH OTHER FOREIGN IMPORTS

(Goals scored in first 6 PL matches, selected strikers)

Erling Haaland (Man City)	10
Sergio Aguero (Man City)	8
Diego Costa (Chelsea)	8
Jurgen Klinsmann (Tottenham)	6
Ruud van Nistelrooy (Man Utd)	4
Fernando Torres (Liverpool)	3
Luis Suarez (Liverpool)	2
Didier Drogba (Chelsea)	1
Andriy Shevchenko (Chelsea)	1



BORUSSIA DORTMUND say that having goal machine Erling Haaland was a BURDEN.

The German outfit knew they were going to lose their star striker for several months

By MARTIN BLACKBURN
before Manchester City confirmed his signing in May.

Dortmund sporting director Sebastian Kehl, a former German international, said: "As much as we have always appreciated

Erling, in the end the matter had definitely become a burden, both in the dressing room and for the club."

"The timing of the sale was right, both for us and for City."

"I would have liked to have been certain about it

earlier, because that issue limited our preparation."

Dortmund visit the Etihad for a Champions League tie on Wednesday.

Kehl (left) added: "Without Haaland, we have the possibility to trust the other players."



HAIR TODAY ... Wout's the future and Fofana the past

Bren aiming for Wout to be new Wes

By GRAHAM HILL

BRENDAN RODGERS hopes that WF stands for 'winning formula' this season.

The Leicester boss lost Wesley Fofana to Chelsea in the summer transfer window and replaced him with Belgian defender Wout Faes, who was due to make his debut against Aston Villa today.

Faes, 24, signed last week in a £15million deal but Rodgers reckons the former Reims player is a different prospect to the man whose initials — and No3 shirt — he shares with Fofana.

Rodgers desperately needs to shore up his defence after a 5-2 defeat at Brighton last Sunday left Leicester with an unwanted record of a six-match winless start to the season.

And that includes five successive defeats.

Northern Irishman Rodgers reflected: "They have the same initials and number but are different players."

"Wout has own identity as a player."

"If he can play to the level we think he can, he will help the team."

"He's trained very well and he had been playing prior to his transfer."

So far this season Leicester have conceded 16 goals and Rodgers says it is obvious where the problems lie.

He added: "In terms of goals we've been fine. We have to be defensively better collectively and have that devilment and organisation."

"Our job is to keep reinforcing the qualities of the players and get back to the basics of our game. When you lose, it's challenging, especially this early season run we have been on."

"There is no magic formula, we just have to continue to work hard."

"In football you have to take your medicine and at this moment in time that's what we're doing."

"But we'll work hard on the training field, build those relationships again and our confidence."

"Then I am sure that our next win will be just around the corner."

"That'll be a big relief and then we can move on consistently."

Despite being tipped to lose his job after such a poor start, Rodgers says he has the full backing of the King Power board.

He said: "They have been very supportive."

"But I'm not daft. I understand football and it's not been a great start."

"I think their support probably shows the level of work we've done here

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Arsenal	6	5	0	1	14	7	15
Man City	6	4	2	0	20	6	14
Tottenham	6	4	2	0	12	5	14
Brighton	6	4	1	1	11	5	13
Man Utd	6	4	0	2	8	8	12
Chelsea	6	3	1	2	8	9	10
Liverpool	6	2	5	1	15	6	9
Brentford	6	2	3	1	15	9	9
Leeds	6	2	2	2	10	10	8
Fulham	6	2	2	2	9	9	8
Newcastle	6	1	4	1	7	6	7
Southampton	6	2	1	3	7	10	7
Bournemouth	6	2	1	3	5	18	7
Wolves	6	1	3	2	3	4	6
Crystal Palace	6	1	3	2	7	9	6
Everton	6	0	4	2	4	6	4
Aston Villa	6	1	1	4	5	10	4
West Ham	6	1	1	4	3	8	4
Nottingham Forest	6	1	1	4	4	14	4
Leicester	6	0	1	5	8	16	1

and the work behind the scenes. And also an appreciation of the difficulty of where we've been over the summer.

"It's my responsibility to improve results, no question about that."

"I've had nothing but support from within to help us get that."

Rodgers is just focused on his job and revealed that he steers clear of social media.

He added: "You just have to stay calm and that can be difficult for some to understand."

"I get lots of messages about how I'm reacting to everything. But I can honestly tell you I have not seen anything since Sunday's game."

"I haven't listened to anything or read anything and the only thing that has come my way are messages of support."

"When you lose games, you are going to come under the microscope."

"But I know that through experience."

"I get on with my life, and try to prepare for the next game."

"I'm not on social media. I don't have a clue about that, to be honest."

"It's easy to read stuff when you win but I tend to not get too carried away with it."



GETTING COSTA ON THE ROSTER

WOLVES will put new signing Diego Costa through his own mini pre-season in a bid to fast-track his Premier League return.

The ex-Chelsea striker has signed a one-year deal at Molineux and is set to be officially announced as a Wolves player in the next 48 hours.

Costa (above), 33, is yet to play competitive football this year after his contract with Brazilian club Atletico Mineiro was terminated in January.

Wolves have moved to bolster their attack after new £15.5million signing Sasa Kalajdzic suffered an ACL injury on his debut against Southampton last week.

They now plan to put Costa through an intensive training schedule to help him get up to speed.

It is hoped the former Spain star could feature for what would be a mouth-watering debut against champions Manchester City next Saturday.

Costa, himself a two-time Premier League winner with the Blues, will wear the No 29 shirt for Bruno Lage's men after they won a

work-permit appeal to land him.

Goal-shy Wolves have found the net just three times in the league this term and it is hoped Costa can add some menace to their attack. While he earned a bad-boy reputation at Stamford Bridge, Costa also averaged nearly a goal every other game for the Blues between 2014 and 2017.

Joao Moutinho admits sharpening up in front of goal is the aim for Wolves, whose wait for a top-flight win this season finally ended against Saints.

The midfielder said: "We feel we play good football, we create chances but we haven't scored sometimes. That's one of the things we need to improve."

"That's what we're training for every single day, trying to be better or to improve our finishing, to improve everything in our game – and try to put that on the match."

"We know sometimes it's difficult but we keep going and keep trying to do our best to get the victories for us and for our supporters."



OH DE COLOGNE

UEFA opened disciplinary proceedings against Nice and Cologne after fan violence marred Thursday's Europa Conference League tie.

Nice's public prosecutor's office have also launched a probe after 32 people were injured.

Rival fans fought inside and outside the Allianz Riviera and fired flares at each other.

Police had to intervene and kick-off was delayed by 55 minutes before the 1-1 draw.

Both clubs were charged over crowd disturbances, throwing objects and lighting fireworks.

Paris Saint-Germain condemned the violence after fans from their banned hooligan group Supras Auteuil fought alongside Cologne ultras.



WELL HAPPY... Potter and Cucurella are back together again at Chelsea after Tuchel (inset) was sacked this week

HOWEVER many times a footballer has seen a change of manager, it is always a period of confusion, uncertainty and excitement.

I obviously experienced plenty of managerial changes at Watford and Chelsea's longer-serving players will be exactly the same.

When Graham Potter was appointed as Chelsea boss this week, players' phones will have been going crazy.

The players' WhatsApp group will have been buzzing and there will have been calls and messages from friends, family, agents and others in the game.

Everyone just wants to know what the new man is like and every player will know others who have played under their new boss and they will be mining them for information.

Players talk and message all the time. We're gossips. You

can bet everyone at Chelsea will have been asking Marc Cucurella about Potter, as he played for their new manager at Brighton last season.

There are also former Chelsea players at Brighton, such as Tariq Lamptey and on-loan Levi Colwill. They will be inundated with messages.

More than anything, the players will have been desperate to meet the new manager and find out what he is all about – to get rid of that feeling of uncertainty.

And the first two weeks are always crucial.

That's the length of time a group of players will need to know whether they rate their new boss.

So a win or two in that time is always massive because winning disguises any problems that might exist.

There will be a lot of new information about patterns of play, about new training routines. Players will always want

to know their timetables, whether they will have more or less time off – not that those in the Champions League will have much time at all, especially this season.

But if Potter told them to arrive at 9am on his first morning, you can bet that every one of them will be at the training ground by 8.30am.

There's always a team meeting where the new boss will lay out his philosophy, his rules, the way he will run

things – and even if you've been through a dozen managers, they are all different.

Potter is bringing his Brighton backroom staff with him, so that's another four or five individuals for all the Chelsea players to get to know, as they are also key to the mood of a training ground.

Players who haven't been in the team will see it as a fresh start, a clean slate.

While others will be wondering whether they fit into

Troy

OUR COLUMNISTS ARE



AT THE BRIDGE

Players are gossips...the Chelsea lads will be grilling Cucurella to find out what Potter is like

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THE TALK OF FOOTBALL

the new man's way of playing. Potter is such an interesting appointment for Chelsea.

It is a really promising one for English coaches, a lot of whom will have imagined that a job managing one of the 'Big Six' would always be beyond them.

Some of the players will feel confused because I don't think they will have been expecting Thomas Tuchel to be sacked so soon in the new season.

But even those who liked

and respected Tuchel will quickly forget about him.

People often don't like to hear it but football is a cut-throat business and even a manager who has won a European Cup, like Tuchel, is yesterday's man already.

Some will be sceptical of Potter because he hasn't got the elite-level CV that most Chelsea managers arrived with at Stamford Bridge.

And Potter will be dealing with a different level of egos

to what he has experienced at Brighton and before.

Others will know a lot about his time at Brighton and I think Chelsea's England players – like Raheem Sterling, Mason Mount, Ben Chilwell and Reece James – will recognise a manager with similar methods to Gareth Southgate.

Potter was talked about as Southgate's natural successor before he got the Chelsea job.

But that will be the last thing on his mind now he has got this amazing opportunity.

He has inherited a squad of

players he could only have dreamt about at Brighton and he will be pinching himself, I'm sure.

But he deserves this crack at a big job. I just hope the new ownership, under Todd Boehly, will be a lot more patient with their managers than Roman Abramovich often was.

The fact that Potter has

been given a five-year contract is a good indication that they

intend to be. And it helps

Potter that Chelsea made so

many summer signings.

I think the timing is good for him because he won't feel like he is inheriting 'Tuchel's team' as such. There are six new signings who had hardly got used to his predecessor.

Yet it is all about results at

a big club.

Potter had some poor runs at Brighton but because expectations were lower, he was able to ride those out.

Supporters may be more difficult to win over than players.

It's fair to say that Chelsea's fanbase isn't the easiest to convince.

Many fans may feel Potter is

'beneath' them.

Players are less likely than supporters to turn their noses up at a manager because he isn't a 'celebrity' name.

But they will make their

minds up about Potter soon, so those early impressions count – big time.

game at local rivals Fulham today before all football was cancelled due to the death of the Queen.

Potter led his first training session yesterday.

The Blues are currently understood to be preparing as normal for Wednesday's Champions League clash against RB Salzburg at Stamford Bridge.

Potter, 47, spent Thursday afternoon at Chelsea's Cobham training base, meeting club staff.

Co-controlling owners Boehly and Behdad Eghbali addressed staff, along with Potter.

Then the coach met his playing squad for the first time yesterday morning at Cobham, before getting down to work on the training field.



SPREE ... Chelsea owner Todd Boehly with £70m Fofana

PREZ TEBAS' PREM JIBE

LALIGA president Javier Tebas branded English football "unsustainable" and demanded Uefa puts the brakes on the Prem's "billionaire owners".

Spanish league chief Tebas has become the Prem's most critical opponent, with Manchester City and Chelsea long-term subjects of his disapproval.

The outspoken 60-year-old conceded England's top tier is "a horse galloping ahead" of the rest of European football and suggested finances be reined in.

Spaniard Tebas said: "This is not just about the state-owned clubs like City.

"It's about what's happening in the Premier League

– clubs are getting contributions worth millions from their shareholders which allows them to buy players – and it's only due to those personal contributions."

Tebas said an "in-depth study" of Prem finances demonstrated "what has happened there needs to be corrected".

He added: "There is a lot of inflation in the market in England and it is becoming a non-sustainable business.

"We have to decide if we want a sustainable European football.

"This summer, the Premier League's net spend was £1.07 billion. In Spain, it was £43 million, in Germany a surplus of £43m.

"LaLiga and the Bundesliga have turnovers of £3.5bn, the Premier League is £6.4bn – so are those spending numbers logical?"

"Something doesn't make sense there, so what's happening? A lot of cheque books have come out, at City and

other clubs. Over the past five years, including the pandemic, LaLiga clubs lost £192m, but Premier League clubs lost £1.13bn.

"If you add in the Championship, the top two leagues in Spain lost £216m and the top two in England £2.55bn.

"That's nearly 12 times as much over five seasons and they've spent nearly 3½ times as much.

"The Premier League limits losses to £105m over three years but it is funded by the cheque books of the owners and directors.

"It's just not a sustainable model. And it's not the model Uefa will allow in the future."

Yet Tebas' comments will bring charges of double-standards.

They came as LaLiga confirmed Barcelona will be allowed to spend £566m on wages this season despite debts of £680m according to the club's accounts.

NO FEAR

From Back Page
the club's sixth since
Mourinho (below) was
axed just under seven
years ago.

But he has been taken
on to revamp Chelsea's
style of football and to
buy into the 'long-term'
project being introduced
from above.

The Blues are currently
sixth in the Premier
League after a shaky start
in which they have lost
two and drawn one of
their six games.

Potter's predecessor
Tuchel was sacked on
Wednesday morning
just hours after an
embarrassing 1-0
defeat to Croatian
minnows Dinamo
Zagreb in the Cham-
pions League.

Chelsea
were due to
face a
tough away
game at local rivals Fulham today before all football was cancelled due to the death of the Queen.

Potter led his first training session yesterday.

The Blues are currently understood to be preparing as normal for Wednesday's Champions League clash against RB Salzburg at Stamford Bridge.

Potter, 47, spent Thursday afternoon at Chelsea's Cobham training base, meeting club staff.

Co-controlling owners Boehly and Behdad Eghbali addressed staff, along with Potter.

Then the coach met his playing squad for the first time yesterday morning at Cobham, before getting down to work on the training field.





RUSSELL . . . third fastest

George hopes to be king of Italy

From BEN HUNT

GEORGE RUSSELL offers the best hope of hearing God Save the King played here in Monza tomorrow.

The Mercedes man was third-fastest in both practice sessions yesterday ahead of the Italian Grand Prix.

But team-mate, Lewis Hamilton faces an uphill task to grab his first win of the season.

Russell, 24, was in impressive form again following his second place at last weekend's Dutch GP.

He said: "FP1 looked strong but then Ferrari and Red Bull looked to have taken a step forward so we have a bit of work to do."

Fellow Brit Hamilton is likely to start no higher than 18th after a host of grid penalties for an unscheduled engine change.

But even with the new power unit, he was not as quick as Mercedes' rivals.

Hamilton, 37, said: "I gave it everything but it just doesn't feel particularly quick."

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz was fastest in second practice but has the same punishment for the same rule breach.

And AlphaTauri's Yuki Tsunoda faces a hefty knuckle-wrap for failing to slow for yellow flags AND driving without a seatbelt at Zandvoort.

Championship leader Max Verstappen is also facing a penalty of five places — but still looks hot favourite for the win.

The Dutchman has a 109-point lead over Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and Red Bull team-mate Sergio Perez, who are tied in second.

Porsche has pulled the plug on their plans to join F1 with Red Bull.

The Germans wanted a 50 per cent stake in the Milton Keynes-based outfit.

But talks broke down with Red Bull boss Christian Horner saying the two companies have "quite different DNA".

Red Bull have invested millions on engines and plan to run their own power units from 2026.

Horner said: "With Red Bull becoming a powertrain manufacturer in 2026, it was always natural to hold discussions."

"It became clear that there was a strategic non-alignment and the consensus was it was not right for Red Bull."

"We've invested massively in facilities and people and the first Red Bull engine fired up approximately a month ago."

"So, it's a tremendously exciting new chapter. Porsche is a great brand but the DNA is quite different."

ELIZABETH II: 1926-2022



F1 AND

REVERED

Lew: She was symbol of hope for so many

IT WAS a rare moment for a sport dominated by both speed and noise when the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza fell still and silent.

And for a man who is used to doing his talking on the track, seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton found the perfect words to pay tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Shortly before practice at the Italian Grand Prix, the Mercedes driver delivered a message on social media.

He wrote: "How do you find the words to describe the loss of Her Majesty The Queen?

"She was truly an iconic leader, an inspiration and a reassuring presence for most, if not all, of our lives.

"Since the sad news yesterday, I've been reflecting on her incredible life.

"She was a symbol of hope for so many and she served her country with dignity, dedication and kindness.

"She was truly like no other and I'm grateful to have lived during her time. Her legacy will be long-lasting and her passing deeply felt.

"I had the incredible honour of being able to spend time with her. It is something I'll never forget. We talked about our shared love of dogs and she was incredibly generous

From BEN HUNT
in MONZA

with her time. I know the whole nation and many others around the world will be mourning her loss and my thoughts and prayers are with her family and all those close to her, who have lost a loved one. Rest in Peace."

Hamilton met the Queen on several occasions, including when she awarded him an MBE in 2009. And only last December the 37-year-old received his knighthood from the then Prince of Wales, now King Charles III.

His relationship with the Queen went as far as getting a tickling off from her in 2010 for breaking Royal protocol.

The Stevenage-born driver was put in his place by Her Majesty as she told him to wait his turn after talking to her.

Hamilton's Mercedes team and Formula One staff all chose to wear black armbands as a mark of respect. A minute's silence to pay tribute was held by every team, driver and fan ahead of first practice.

You would perhaps expect it in these parts for the late Enzo Ferrari but the mark of respect was delivered with impeccable taste for the former British monarch.

stood in front of their garages with team bosses, mechanics and engineers behind them.

They were joined by F1's CEO Stefano Domenicali and the FIA's President Mohammed bin Sulayem.

Formula One rarely does tributes of this magnitude and, unlike their counterparts in football where such observations are common, there was a moment of hesitation among the drivers as to what to do next.

A ripple of applause broke the silence as the drivers slowly turned on their heels and headed back to their respective garages.

Fittingly, although not a motorsport fan, the Queen was at the very first British and European Grand Prix, held on May 13, 1950 at Silverstone.

Classed as the first F1 World Championship race, she was with her father, King George VI, as the Alfa Romeo driven by an Italian, Giuseppe Farina, took the chequered flag.

Other teams have carried tributes on their cars and another minute's silence will be held before tomorrow's race.

Unlike the Premier League and EFL, this weekend's race will go ahead as planned — and rightly so.

Sure, seven of the ten teams are based in England and Brits make up for around 70 per cent of staff in the paddock on an average F1 weekend.

But this is a global sport that is visiting 20 different countries this year. Tributes must be paid and they will be before racing begins but it would be wrong to call it off.

None more so for the 300,000 spectators expected through the gates — some 100,000 more than the pre-Covid races.

Formula One has an ability to react in the right manner and adjust accordingly — none more so than when they held a full calendar during a global pandemic.

Fellow British Mercedes driver George Russell, 24, wrote on Twitter: "I'm so sad to hear about the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II."

"Her devotion to our country and her gracious leadership were inspirational to so many generations of people in the UK and around the world."

"My family and I send our deepest condolences to The Royal Family and to all those who admired her service to our country for seven decades. Rest in Peace."

British-born Williams driver Alex Albon, 26, also tweeted: "An amazing role model and total dedication to a lifetime of public service."

"Thank you and rest in peace, Her Majesty The Queen."



TENNIS GREATS' TRIBUTES

& LOVED



QUEEN OF WIMBLEDON ... Wade gets trophy in 1977

Virginia: My dream date with Queen

VIRGINIA WADE revealed how Queen Elizabeth inspired her to finally become a Wimbledon champion.

Her Majesty presented Wade with the famous Venus Rosewater Dish following her triumph in 1977. That was one of only **FOUR** visits the Queen ever made to Wimbledon but Wade, now 77, was involved in two – including one which ranked as a Who's Who of British tennis – and treasures the memories.

The tennis legend said: "I was fortunate enough to get invited to Buckingham Palace in a very small group and also met her when the Queen came to Wimbledon in 2010. We sat at lunch at a small table. There was Roger Taylor, Ann Jones, Angela Mortimer – I think there were only eight of us.

"Roger was completely taken with her. She was so intelligent, just completely on the ball."

"Every meeting you had with the Queen was memorable. I had quite a few just shaking hands and not saying anything but it was really special to get to know her in a small way, to find there was a real person at the other end and with no airs and graces.

"She was the most important woman in the world and she was totally down to earth.

"She had a very definite sense of humour and she was very warm but I don't think she stood any nonsense at all."

Their 1977 meeting is the one that has gone down in history, when the Queen marked her Silver Jubilee by presenting the trophy.

Wade was nearly 32 and had won the US Open and Australian Open titles several years before but had never been beyond the semi-finals at her own Grand Slam.

She added: "She was the extra motivation for me to get to the final of Wimbledon and then win. They closed entries about six weeks before and I was thinking 'I've never fulfilled my potential at Wimbledon and I'm running out of time here.'

"Then I heard that the Queen was coming and I literally said to myself, 'I'm going to be there. It might be my one and only chance and I'm going to win'. So I had this destiny in a way.

"It was a motivation because everybody gets

very nervous at all these big events so the determination has to override the trepidation."

Photos of Wade receiving the trophy after beating Betty Stove, her pink cardigan matching the Queen's outfit, have been seen around the world and it remains one of the most iconic sporting moments.

Wade, who remains the last British woman to win the title, said: "There was so much noise going on and singing from the crowd that I could only read her lips – I think she said 'Well done'."

"I replied 'Excuse me?' because I couldn't hear the first time. The second time I didn't hear much better."

"I know tennis wasn't her favourite sport and it was such an honour for her to be there."

"It's been very special for such a long time but we're running out of people with the memories of it. The people who would say, 'Oh, my daughter was born on that day' or 'We were given the afternoon off school to watch'.

"It gets repeated so often so it is close in your memory. It's beyond an honour to be linked to her."

"The Queen was just an extraordinary person. I know she meant so much to so many people but to me she really meant a lot."

And, after watching news coverage following Thursday's announcement of the monarch's death, Wade added: "It was very moving. I was totally wrung out watching it all."

"Not only is it a very sad thing but also such an extraordinary historical story."

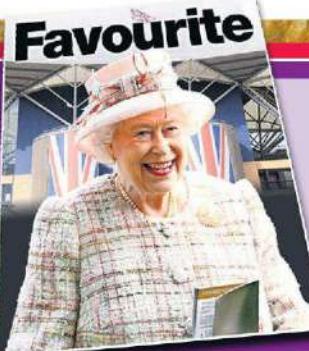
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St Leger on
as tribute to
Her Majesty



STOKES: HONOUR TO PLAY

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

BEN STOKES was delighted after cricket chiefs decided the Third Test against South Africa WILL resume at The Oval today.

There will be three days' play after day one on Thursday was washed out and Friday's play cancelled as a mark of respect to the Queen.

The ECB wanted to extend the match into Tuesday but South Africa are set to fly home that day and refused to budge.

The national anthem will be sung as usual before the start of play and, with a sell-out crowd of 27,500 expected, it could be the first massed rendition of God Save the King.

God Save the Queen was about to be sung on Thursday when rain arrived.

Captain Stokes made his views clear when responding to a tweet asking what sporting events should go ahead this weekend.

Stokes (below) wrote: "She loved sport, be honoured to play in her memory."

Teams (England handed a debut to Yorkshire batsman Harry Brook) and the toss (Stokes chose to bowl first) will stand.

The three remaining days will have a minimum of 98 overs to make up for lost time but poor light and a slow pace of play may make that a struggle.

Surrey have urged spectators to arrive early and be in their seats by 10.30am for a "special on-field celebration of Her Majesty's life".

The host county added that bars will not serve alcohol until after the celebration and fancy dress is not allowed on any of the three days.

Advertising will be removed from areas such as sight screens, boundary cushions, giant screens and outfield mats and be replaced by tributes to HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The women's Twenty20 match between England and India in Durham and England Under-19s v Sri Lanka in Leicester will also go ahead, as will recreational cricket.

An ECB spokesperson said: "Cricket will resume on Saturday to pay tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and honour her remarkable life and service.

"The decision has been taken after consultation with DCMS and in line with official national mourning guidance. "Before each match, a minute's silence will be observed followed by the national anthem."

"All players and coaches will wear black armbands. Branded inventory will be replaced with messaging paying cricket's respects to the Queen."

The ECB hoped to persuade the Proteas to agree to an extra day.

But the spokesperson added: "We have been in discussions with Cricket South Africa but the team has to fly on Tuesday to spend a few days at home before heading to India and Australia.

"So Saturday's play is confirmed as day three of a five-day Test match."

The series is level at 1-1 after South Africa won at Lord's and England triumphed at Old Trafford.



For Queen & country

SO PROUD... Southgate meets the Queen in 2002 and (inset) sings the national anthem as manager

GARETH PRIDE IN SINGING ANTHEM

Dettori's 'great loss'

FRANKIE DETTORI says horseracing has lost its "greatest friend".

The legendary jockey rode more than 50 winners for the Queen over 30 years.

He told SunSport: "She was an owner and a breeder for 70 years so her knowledge was just incredible — and her dedication and love for her horses was plain for everyone to see.

"It is very sad for everyone in racing."

By TOM PEPPER

The sport has lost its greatest friend. Whenever you rode a winner for her, you could almost burst with pride.

"Racing just won't be the same without Her Majesty."

All racing is cancelled across the nation today but returns tomorrow.

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RESPECT ... with Queen



GARETH SOUTHGATE paid tribute to the Queen for "her impeccable duty" as the ultimate British leader.

England manager Southgate yesterday spoke of his pride at singing God Save the Queen before 57 matches as a player and 74 as boss.

Southgate said: "My thoughts today are with His Majesty King Charles III, the FA president HRH The Duke of Cambridge and the Royal Family.

"In remembering and celebrating the life of Her Majesty The Queen, we are also acknowledging her remarkable leadership and lifetime of dignified service.

"She showed the world what it is to be British.

"Her values, her dignity, her resilience were an exemplar to us all and she has provided us with

By ALEC SHILTON

stability and reassurance in the best and also most difficult of times."

The Queen was patron of the FA, who yesterday confirmed a period of silence will be held before England's Nations League game with Germany at Wembley on September 26, with players to wear black armbands.

Southgate added: "I was proud to have her as our patron and to sing God Save the Queen before every match.

"The team will have the chance to pay our respects at our fixture with Germany later this month.

"An occasion that will, of course, bring to mind the World Cup final in 1966 and the moment when Her Majesty handed the Jules Rimet trophy to Bobby Moore. As Wembley and

the country falls silent, I will think of that and her 70 years of impeccable duty."

Sarina Wiegman, who led England's Lionesses to glory at this summer's Women's Euros, also paid tribute to Her Majesty.

The Dutch boss said: "The national anthem, sung with such respect by my players and staff, served as a reminder of what she meant to the country.

"The words 'send her victorious', a line written on our shirts, was also in our hearts.

"This summer she took the time to write to me and my players congratulating us for our success.

"In that letter she called us an 'inspiration for girls and women'. "It is you, Your Majesty, who was the inspiration with your unrelenting work ethic, leadership, dignity and kindness."

GAME IN BIG CALL

Prem face fixture backlash

FOOTBALL chiefs face a huge call over NEXT weekend's fixture schedule after a fan backlash over the decision to put the entire game on hold until Monday following the Queen's death.

The Premier League, EFL and FA agreed the blanket ban on all football, including kids' matches, as a "mark of respect" to Her Majesty. But within hours, it was announced England's Third Test against South Africa in the cricket at The Oval will resume today, along with golf's PGA Championship.

A full rugby league programme will also be held and the planned St Leger race card at Doncaster was delayed just 24 hours until tomorrow, when the sport will resume at every planned track except Musselburgh in Scotland. The start to the Premiership rugby union season will go ahead with last night's two postponed matches taking place over the next two days.

But boxing fights, including a clash between Savannah Marshall and Claressa Shields, have been postponed for the weekend.

Prem clubs said they agreed the postponement "to honour her extraordinary life and contribution to the nation" with police demands also a factor as the public pays its respects to Queen Elizabeth II.

Chief exec Richard Masters said: "We and our clubs would like to pay tribute to Her Majesty's long and unwavering service to our country.

"As our longest-serving monarch, she has been an inspiration and leaves behind an incredible legacy following a life of dedication.

"This is a tremendously sad time for not just the nation but also for the millions of people around the world who admired her and we join together with all those in mourning her passing."

The EFL issued its postponement notice simultaneously and shortly afterwards so did the FA.

But while millions will agree with the decision, there was also criticism with a number of former players voicing their disagreement.

Ex-England forward Peter Crouch, 41, tweeted: "I know it's only a game and some things are much bigger but imagine all our games went ahead this weekend."

"Black armbands, silences

observed, national anthem, Royal band playing etc to the millions around the world watching? Isn't that a better send off?"

Former Norwich winger Darren Huckerby, 46, posted: "Might get shot down for this but in my opinion I think they should go ahead, national anthem and armbands and crack on. Normal folk don't get time off and it unites the country."

Manchester United legend Gary Neville, 47, added: "Sport can demonstrate better than most the respect the Queen deserves."

And the Football Supporters Association, pointing out fans had already splashed out for travel and hotel costs for this weekend, argued: "We believe football is at its finest when bringing people together at times of huge national significance — be those moments of joy or moments of mourning."

"Our view, which we shared with the football authorities, is that most supporters would have liked to go to games and pay their respect to the Queen alongside fellow fans."

"Not everyone will agree, so there was no perfect decision, but many supporters will feel this was an opportunity missed for football to pay its own special tributes."

With Uefa expecting all seven English clubs to complete their midweek European fixtures, it puts extra scrutiny on the domestic authorities ahead of next week's games, including Chelsea hosting Liverpool at Stamford Bridge.

Prem chiefs in particular are aware there are significant concerns over draining police resources in major cities, should the funeral be confirmed for Monday, September 19.

But losing another full fixture list would intensify the congestion issues which have already been exacerbated by the six-week break for the Qatar World Cup.

With all midweek dates full before the season goes on hold on November 13, it means that clubs will now have to play 23 league matches between Boxing Day and May 28, in addition to domestic cup and European commitments.

The most likely date for this weekend's planned matches to be slotted in is January 24 and 25.

But were a second weekend of games to be lost, fitting everything in would be even more difficult.

NO FEAR 4 POTT

GRAHAM POTTER will NOT be sacked if he fails to make the top four.

Chelsea's new manager has been told that while Champions League qualification is a massive target this season, it will not be make or break for his job.

This is a huge departure from tradition at Chelsea where it has been recognised as the bare minimum to remain in employment.

But new chairman Todd Boehly and his fellow directors are insistent that they are in it for the long term with Potter (*left*) and that he will be given time.

The former Brighton chief signed a five-year contract

By ANDREW DILLON

worth over £10million a year and has been told he will get full support from Stamford Bridge bigwigs.

Chelsea have finished outside the top four just twice in the last ten years — in 2016 and 2018.

Both times the manager was sacked. Jose Mourinho was axed in December 2015 when the team was spiralling down the table.

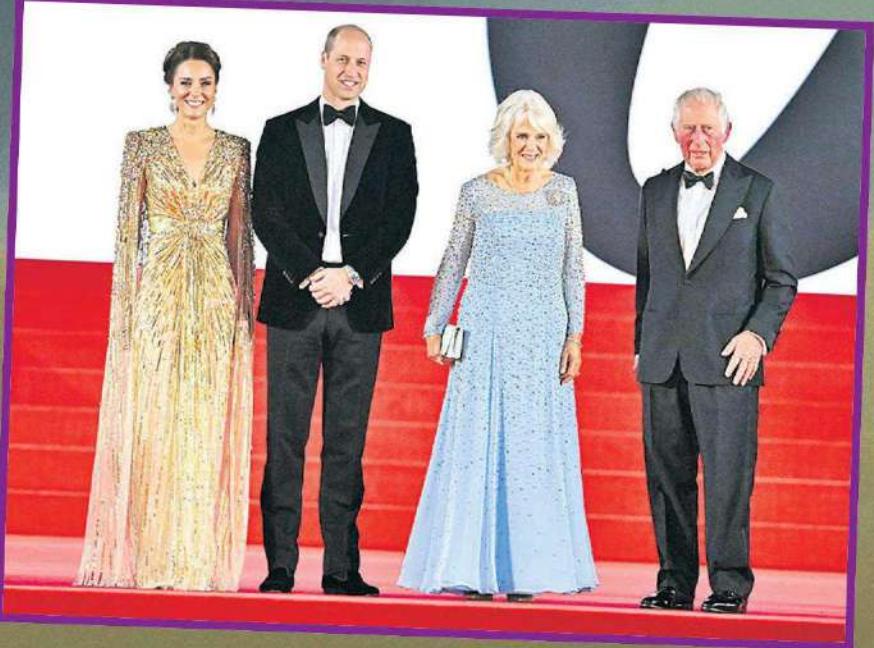
Antonio Conte got the push after falling one place and five points short three years later when he was at loggerheads with the board.

Boehly and his pals want to move away from Chelsea's reputation for hiring and firing managers. Potter is Turn to Page 59

I count on the loving help of my darling wife, Camilla. In recognition of her loyal public service, she becomes my Queen Consort



With Catherine beside William, our new Prince and Princess of Wales will continue to inspire and lead our national conversations



I want also to express my love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas



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Favourite



The Sport of Kings won't be the same without our Queen...

By TOM PEPPER

FRANKIE DETTORI led tributes to Her Majesty when he said: "Racing won't be the same without you, Ma'am."

The legendary jockey, 51, paid his own personal tribute to the Queen and described the loss the sport and the country feel after her death on Thursday.

Dettori said: "It was an honour and a privilege to have ridden for her. Racing was so lucky to have a monarch who loved the sport so much."

The Union Jack at the Queen's track Ascot flew at half-mast yesterday in Her Majesty's honour.

The Queen enjoyed 18 winners at the Royal meeting. Her first came in 1953 when *Choir Boy* had punters singing after the Royal Hunt Cup. Her last was Dartmouth in 2016, trained by Sir Michael Stoute.

He said: "The Queen was wonderful to train for.

"There was never any pressure. That was because of her deep understanding, fascination and knowledge of breeding and racing."

Favourite

St Leger will go ahead in tribute

BRITISH racing chiefs were quick to reschedule the St Leger — the race the Queen famously won in 1977 with Dunfermline. Officials held talks with the other sports and the Government yesterday morning before announcing their plans.

It was agreed that, as a mark of respect, all racing scheduled to take place in Britain today would be called off.

However, while there will be no football in England this weekend, horseracing — the sport Her Majesty loved more than any other — will hold a bumper nine-race card in the Queen's honour at Doncaster tomorrow.

It means the St Leger — the oldest of the five Classics — will now be the showpiece race and the meeting will be on ITV4.

Racing tomorrow will also take place in Wales at Chepstow.

However the scheduled fixture at Musselburgh is off as a show of respect with the Queen's body lying at rest in nearby Edinburgh.

Ireland raced yesterday at Ballinrobe and will do so again today and tomorrow at Leopardstown and The Curragh.

Each sport was allowed to use its own discretion

By TOM PEPPER
to go ahead or postpone but racing took the lead to continue.

Flags will fly at half-mast, jockeys will wear black armbands (*below*) and a period of silence will be held before racing starts.

However there will be no racing in Britain on the day of the State Funeral, which is expected to be on Monday week.

Julie Harrington, chief executive of the BHA, said: "Her Majesty the Queen's affinity and bond with British racing was enduring and unique."

"A number of our sport's participants had a close, direct relationship with her.

"It is out of respect for this, and in sympathy with her family including King Charles III, that the sport took the decision to cancel all Saturday fixtures.

"Tomorrow will provide an opportunity for the sport and its supporters to pay its respects to Her Majesty.

"It will allow the contribution she has made to the sport to be marked, and for racing to express its deep gratitude to her and sympathies to her family."



QUEEN ELIZABETH: I burst with I rode a royal

RIDING for the Queen gave me some of my proudest moments in the saddle.

I rode for Her Majesty for 30 years and the moment I pulled on those famous purple, red and gold silks I would be bursting with pride.

It was an honour and a privilege — and even better when you won!

In all I was lucky enough to ride over 50 winners for the Queen and each one was very special — but none more so than at Royal Ascot back in 1995.

I rode Phantom Gold to win the Ribblesdale and, for me, it was the ultimate victory.

The filly was bred by the Queen and trained by Lord Huntingdon and, at home, let's face it, she was a bit of a troublemaker — a headstrong girl.

But on that day at Royal Ascot she was sensational and the moment I asked her to quicken at the furlong pole she powered home for me. I was

FRANKIE DETTORI

Riding legend pays tribute to horseracing's greatest supporter

only 24 at the time and, to this day, it is still one of the greatest and most satisfying wins of my career.

It was a wonderful occasion and fantastic to return to the winners' enclosure and see the Queen so happy and smiling.

I didn't ride the filly again until the last race of her

career and we won the Geoffrey Freer at Newbury before she was packed off to the Royal Stud.

There Phantom Gold gave birth to Flight Of Fancy who went on to finish second for the Queen to Imagine in the 2001 Oaks.

She was an owner and a breeder for 70 years so her knowledge was just incredible — and her dedication and love for her horses was plain for everyone to see.

It was all about the breeding side of things. That was what meant most to her.

Yes, like all of us, she enjoyed a winner but her real love was seeing the horses go from being a foal to running on a racetrack.

To see the horses develop and then race and then, once they had finished their career on the track, to breed from them, that was what she loved.

She knew the families and the bloodlines inside out.

Her knowledge was vast and

you could see the pleasure she got from talking about horses. I treasure the conversations I was very fortunate enough to have with her.

She knew the form and could list generations of pedigrees without any reference to the stud book and knew the personalities and traits of every horse.

She was such a special person and had a great sense of humour. She loved a cheeky laugh and a joke — she could be very funny!

I'm sure Lester Piggott is up there waiting to talk about the races he won for her. After all, he was her favourite jockey!

For the rest of us down here it is just very sad for everyone in racing. The sport has lost its greatest friend.

Racing was in her blood, it's a tradition, and it can't get any bigger than that.

I just think racing has been so lucky to have a monarch who loved the sport so much.

Probably the race closest to her heart was the Ascot Gold Cup. It was the only race at

RESPECT AND REVELRY AT RELAXED



TAKE A BOW ... Dettori and the Queen at Royal Ascot, celebrating a 60th win in 2018 (centre) and sharing a joke after Stradivarius Gold

Lifetime in racing

FIRST RUNNER.....Astrakhan, second at Ascot, October 7, 1949

FIRST WINNER.....Monaveen, owned jointly with her mother, Fontwell, October 10, 1949

FIRST BIG-RACE WIN.....Monaveen, Queen Elizabeth Chase, Hurst Park, 1949

FIRST FLAT WINNER.....Astrakhan, Hurst Park, April 15, 1950

FIRST WIN AS QUEEN.....Choir Boy, Newmarket, May 13, 1952

CLASSIC WINS.....Carrozza, Oaks, 1957

Pall Mall, 2,000 Guineas, 1958; Highclere, 1,000 Guineas French Oaks, 1974;

Dunfermline, Oaks and St Leger, 1977

ROYAL ASCOT WINS.....Choir Boy, Hunt Cup, 1953

Alexander, Royal Hunt Cup, 1956

Almeria, Ribblesdale Stakes, 1957

Pall Mall, New Stakes, 1957

Restoration, King Edward VII Stakes, 1958

Above Suspicion, St James's Palace Stakes, 1959

Pindari, King Edward VII Stakes, 1959

Aiming High, Coronation Stakes, 1961

Hopeful Venture, Hardwicke Stakes, 1968

Magna Carta, Ascot Stakes, 1970

Buttress, Queen's Vase, 1979

Expansive, Ribblesdale Stakes, 1979

Colour Sergeant, Royal Hunt Cup, 1992

Phantom Gold, Ribblesdale Stakes, 1995

Blueprint, Duke of Edinburgh Stakes, 1999

Free Agent, Chesham Stakes, 2008

Estimate, Queen's Vase, 2012; Gold Cup, 2013

Dartmouth, Hardwicke Stakes, 2016

CHAMPION OWNER.....2021 (36 winners)

BEST SEASON.....Love Affairs, Goodwood

September 6, 2022

LAST RUNNER.....Improvise, second at Epsom, September 8, 2022

SUN CHARIOT WAS START OF

JOHN GOSDEN has paid his own heartfelt tribute to the Queen, hailing her as 'truly remarkable and extraordinary'.

The Clarehaven handler, who received an OBE in 2017, saddled several winners for Her Majesty, notably and most recently Reach For The Moon.

The Sea The Stars colt, who was also bred by the Queen, was ante-post favourite for this year's Derby following two wins as a two-year-old, but did ultimately not run in the premier Classic. He was the hot favourite to provide the Queen with a

By JACK KEENE

Royal Ascot winner in her Platinum Jubilee year in the Hampton Court in June, but had to make do with second.

Gosden said: "The Queen was a truly remarkable and extraordinary monarch whose love for her people defined her life."

"Her passion and profound knowledge of horses was unequalled and her advice was always acutely insightful.

"We have been uniquely

fortunate. Her Majesty was so involved and fascinated by the thoroughbred racehorse from the day her father took her to meet Sun Chariot at Beckenham during the War."

Michael Bell, who trained horses for the Queen for nearly two decades, said:

"The Queen, first and foremost, simply adored the horse as an animal and was always concerned for their welfare."

"They gave her enormous joy. To see her face

when she had a winner was just something that made everyone tremendously proud and happy.

"She was breeding horses and all manner of livestock for 75 years or so, she had a huge knowledge of animals and animal welfare. She took enormous pleasure and satisfaction in breeding thoroughbreds."

"Speaking personally, to have trained for Her Majesty for close to 20 years was an enormous privilege and something I am very grateful to have been able to do."

Bell trained Fabricate, owned



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Favourite

pride when winner

the Royal meeting where she would present the trophy — and I was lucky she presented it to me eight times. I used to joke she must have been sick of the sight of me!

But she always greeted me with the biggest smile when I went to get the trophy.

Ascot was her track — and, of course, it is my favourite track in the whole world so it was an honour and a privilege to win races there.

Though I am an Italian, I've lived in Newmarket for over 35 years — I'm part of the furniture — and always felt a huge sense of responsibility and pride riding for Her Majesty.

When you won for her, it felt like you were winning for the whole country.

She was a truly remarkable lady and I feel privileged to have been in the company of such an amazing person. It is a very sad and difficult time for everybody. Racing just won't be the same without Her Majesty.

ASCOT



Cup success in 2019

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and bred by the Queen, to two victories in the Group 3 Winter Hill at Windsor and also enjoyed further success at Newbury when the Queen was in attendance.

He said: "I was very lucky to have been with her when she had a winner."

"I can't really describe how much pleasure that gave me."



AT YOUR SERVICE...
Dettori prepares to ride for Her Majesty at Royal Ascot last year

HER MAJESTY'S SIX BEST HORSES

THE brilliant filly CARROZZA gave Her Majesty the first of her five British Classic wins in the 1957 Oaks at Epsom. The daughter of Dante had finished second in the 1,000 Guineas to Rose Royale at Newmarket a month earlier.

But under the legendary Lester Piggott, Carrozza led in the final strides to turn the tables on her old rival, winning in a nail-biting photo-finish.

Jubilant scenes followed and the Queen famously led the horse back into the winners' enclosure herself.

The filly started odds-on favourite for the Nassau Stakes at Goodwood but finished fourth. She was later found to be lame and retired to stud.



PALL MALL was arguably the best horse the Queen ever owned.

In 1958, he pulled off a 20-1 upset under Doug Smith in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket — although Her Majesty missed the race because she was under the weather.

The colt was trained in Newmarket by Cecil Boyd-Rochfort, who had also trained for her father King George VI.

Pall Mall had won at Royal Ascot as a two-year-old the year before his Classic success and was also placed in three other decent races. He went on to win the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury twice.



HIGHCLERE catapulted the royal silks back into the big-race spotlight in the mid '70s.

In 1974, she took the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket and just a few weeks later won the French Oaks at Chantilly.

The Queen threw a celebratory bash at Windsor Castle with trainer Dick Hern and jockey Joe Mercer after Highclere's French victory.

She later fought out a memorable finish to the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes with the legendary filly Dahlia.



DUNFERMLINE was undoubtedly the best filly the Queen ever raced.

In 1977, the year of her Silver Jubilee, Dunfermline, sired by 1967 Derby winner Royal Palace, was an impressive winner of the Oaks at Epsom for Willie Carson. She was subsequently beaten in the Yorkshire Oaks, but a month later she beat two-time Arc winner Alleged in the St Leger at Doncaster.

It was the only time in Alleged's ten-race career he tasted defeat.

Dunfermline retired at the end of her four-year-old season as one of the best horses of the decade.



IN the week of the Queen's coronation, **AUREOLE** was agonisingly pipped at the post when second in the 1953 Derby.

His three-year-old season was one of near-misses, but he swept all before him over middle-distances the following year.

He won the Coronation Cup, Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot and the King George back at the Berkshire track in a hot streak during the summer of 1954.

He went on to have a successful stallion career, siring Derby winner Sir Paddy and Arc hero Saint Crespin.



ESTIMATE gave the Queen one of her best days on a racetrack.

She landed the 2013 feature race of Royal Ascot — the Gold Cup — in front of Her Majesty, who was memorably caught celebrating by TV cameras.

Estimate had won the 2012 Queen's Vase as well as the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot. She went for a Gold Cup double in 2014 but finished second, before taking the Doncaster Cup.

She retired as a five-year-old and now lives a life of luxury as a broodmare at the Queen's private stud farm.



Favourite

QUEEN ELIZABETH:

'GLUE THAT BOUND US'

JOCKEY Willie Carson had the privilege of riding one of the Queen's greatest home-bred racehorses, Dunfermline, who took the Oaks and St Leger in 1977, her Silver Jubilee year.

Scotsman Carson, 79, remembers those wins were "right up there" with his best moments in the saddle.

He said: "She was the most famous woman in the world and was the patron of horseracing and the patron of the Jockey Club.

"She dedicated her whole life to service and to serving this country.

"One of her passions was the horse. She enjoyed racing, but I think she enjoyed breeding and seeing them develop and getting to the racecourse. That gave her most pleasure.

"Of course, the end result is seeing the horse win — she always enjoyed having a winner.

"Winning with Dunfermline in her Silver Jubilee year was right up there among my career highlights. It was one of those dreams that came true — not just for myself, but for Her Majesty, and I felt the country should have been joyful about Dunfermline winning the Oaks.

"It was a great occasion."

One of their last meetings came in October last year at Ascot.

He recalled: "She was telling me she had just been inducted into the racing Hall of Fame and was on about the medal being so heavy.

"She then prodded, 'Willie, are you in the Hall of Fame?'

"I replied, 'Oh no, Ma'am, you've got to be old or dead to get into the Hall of Fame.'

"Old or dead! — that was why she was laughing. She always did have a great sense of humour and understood racing inside out."

Carson added: "She has been a great supporter of the turf. Her death is not just a sad loss — it is a monumental loss.

"There isn't a person you would say could be a bigger loss than Her Majesty The Queen. 'She has been the glue that has kept us going, kept us together.'

RICHARD HUGHES enjoyed many royal winners as a rider and has also trained for Her Majesty since quitting the saddle in 2015.

He said: "The Queen loved this sport so much and it was such an honour to ride for her.

It is a sad day for the country and a sad day for racing, she was our greatest friend.

"I rode 50 winners for her, and then when I retired I got the honour to train for her.

"I was very taken aback when she asked me — it's probably one of the proudest moments in all my years in racing.

"I spoke to her just a couple of weeks ago, she was in great form. She lived life to the full and she was a brilliant woman.

"I never felt nervous talking to her, she had a way with people and made you feel at ease. She was so knowledgeable about horses and the sport.

"She kept up to date with the latest racing news and would watch the big meetings and recordings of her horses if she couldn't be there.

"Her passing will be the biggest loss racing has ever had and it is a massive blow to Royal Ascot. 'The Queen makes Royal Ascot — that's what it's all about. You see the



JUMPING JOY ... Her Majesty with jumps trainer Nicky Henderson

HORSES A 'HOBBY' TO ESCAPE

JUMPS trainer Nicky Henderson has spoken of his "privilege" at being part of Her Majesty's life.

Henderson, who was made a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order in the New Year Honours by the Queen in 2017, has been close to the Royal Family for many years.

He has been the Queen's primary jumps trainer since 2002 and also trained for the Queen Mother.

He described her loss as "immeasurable". "This has been one absolutely remarkable lady. There has only been one Queen, one monarch in my lifetime," he said.

"I have been very privileged to have been involved, but she was the most lovely person. We all know what she has done for the country and the Commonwealth and its people. Her input to this whole country has just been immeasurable."

He added: "At the same time we have been privileged to have been part of her life."

He added: "I've known her for quite a long time. My father Johnny Henderson did and I was lucky enough to train for

smiles on peoples faces when they see her in the procession."

Another former jockey to enjoy success in the famous royal silks was JOHN REID.

The 67-year-old said: "I was lucky enough to speak to her quite a lot in my life.

"When I won my first King George in 1978 she presented the trophy and I met her at different events down the years after that.

"She presented me with my MBE and over the years I was lucky enough to be in her company quite a lot. She was such

By TOM PEPPER

her. But that is irrelevant. Racing has lost its best friend and greatest patron, but the country has lost its Queen.

"But she was more than a Queen. The country has lost somebody who was its greatest servant. She was absolutely the greatest. The time and dedication she has given to this country has been incredible."

Six-time champion Henderson, 71, is of Britain's greatest trainers, having won almost all its major races, including two Cheltenham Gold Cups, a record eight Champion Hurdles, five Queen Mother Champion Chases and three King George VI Chases.

Arguably the best horse he trained in the famous silks was Barbers Shop, who was fourth in the Hennessy Gold Cup and third in the King George.

He added: "I do think horses were the pleasure of her life and at the end of the day I think Balmoral was a fitting place for

this to have sadly happened, because I'm pretty sure I'm safe in saying that Balmoral was her refuge and I personally know that it is nice that is where she is rested.

"Racing was her hobby and it was the one thing that was different from the big world, and we were lucky enough to be part of that small world that was her hobby. We were very privileged to be a part of that.

"On a racecourse, she did thoroughly love horseracing, but that is not the big picture. It was to us, because we were very, very lucky to be involved.

"She has just been the ultimate role model. Prime Ministers come and go, but she was an absolute rock for this country.

"We had some great days and we had some bad days, but she was always so approachable.

"She knew horses inside out, so it was always a pleasure to be able to talk and discuss horses — and lots of other things as well.

"We are very lucky and have some lovely owners, yet conversations with Her Majesty were the same as any other."

While Henderson looked after the Queen's National Hunt stars, Sir Michael Stoute

a nice lady and so interested in her horses and people.

"She knew as many people's names as she could and always wanted to help people.

"What she's done for our sport is amazing really. She's had horses all these years, loved them to bits and knew them inside out."

HAYLEY TURNER remembers a relaxed and approachable Queen at the races. She said: "She absolutely loved her racing. I was quite lucky when I rode for her. I won a race for her one

year at Newbury and went up to the podium with her and got my prize and a picture.

"The following season I won the same race for her again. We were back on the podium and she turned to me and said: 'We've done this before haven't we?'

"I was like, 'Yes, ma'am, you should pay me a retainer!' She looked at me and laughed.

"She was amazing and it was every jockey's dream to ride for her."

Tributes flowed on social

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Favourite



ROYAL LIFE

housed some of her most exceptional Flat performers – not least Estimate, who gave Her Majesty a memorable victory in the 2013 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot as well as victory in the Queen's Vase the year before.

Stoute also trained Carlton House, who came within a length of a longed-for Derby success when third to Pour Moi in 2011 – prompting memorable disgruntled images of Her Majesty from the Royal Box.

Stoute said: "I found that training for the Queen came with no pressure.

"That was down to her understanding, her deep knowledge and thirst for more. She was always thinking ahead – what am I going to do with this animal? Am I going to breed it? Who should I breed it to? Temperament, speed, stamina.

"She was always fascinated with the whole idea of racing and breeding and she was doing it for a long time.

"It was an honour and a great pleasure to train for her.

"She was easy to train for because she had such a great knowledge and she loved her horses."

media, with trainer PAUL NAI-
CHOLLS recalling her visit to his yard in
2019, saying: "What a memorable day when Her Majesty the Queen visited the yard. A day Ditcheat will never forget. RIP Ma'am."

Retired jump jockey TONY McCLOY tweeted: "Your Majesty has been an integral part of horseracing.

"We will miss your knowledge, passion, sense of humour, charming ease and most of all your irreplaceable presence. RIP Ma'am."

THEY call it the Sport of Kings. That it may be, but without doubt it was the sport of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Queen's death means racing has lost its most treasured supporter.

All we can do is mourn her loss and be thankful she loved the game that we all love so much.

That horses – Aureole, Pall Mall, Highclere, Dunfermline and Estimate among them – were for her a thing of marvel.

Never did Her Majesty seem more relaxed than when at the races.

She shared jokes with Frankie Dettori at Royal Ascot – she even managed to coax a smile from usually poker-faced Ryan Moore when her orange and blue outfit matched the Michael Tabor colours sported by Moore on the winners' podium.

Her unbridled joy after Estimate won the Gold Cup lit up the racecourse. It was the greatest moment the great meeting has ever known.

Her absence was keenly felt at Royal Ascot this year when mobility problems kept her away from her beloved sport.

And it would have been wonderful to see her at Epsom over the Platinum Jubilee weekend when 40 jockeys who have ridden in the royal colours formed a guard of honour.

We have sorely missed her this summer. She will forever be sorely missed from our racecourses.

It was refreshing to see the sincere and moving speeches in her honour in the House of Commons yesterday and it is fitting racing has been called off in the UK today.

Doncaster's St Leger will still go ahead tomorrow as part of an enhanced card.

Her Majesty won the oldest Classic with Dunfermline in 1977 and, no doubt, she would have been enthralled by the stars who are in action at home and across the continent this weekend.

Where to start?

With New London or Vadeni? Homeless Songs or Saffron Beach? Highfield Princess or Meditate? Aesop's Fables or Kyprios? Tuesday or Verry Elleegant?

On a top-quality weekend, Classics should always come first, so let's deal with Doncaster and the final Brit-

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columnist

Her knowledge was vast, her love of racing priceless

hard to beat, but I'm interested in French Claim each-way should the heavens open and the going become testing.

French Claim, ridden by Danny Tudhope for Paddy Twomey, plodded on in a distant third behind Westover in the Irish Derby, with the run suggesting this two-furlong-further trip will be right up his street.

At Leopardstown today VADENI heads the market for the Irish Champion Stakes.

The race sets up well for a horse with a turn of foot, as both BROOME and STONE AGE are front-runners.

That pair would also want to set a stamina test for stable-companion LUXEMBOURG.

The problem, though, is a real tear-up will also suit Vadeni, who has a typically French devastating burst of pace. Hopefully super Soumillion comes flying through late.

On the same card I can't wait to see Homeless Songs, back after a long lay-off in the Group 1 Matron Stakes over a mile.

HOMELESS SONGS was devastating in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, thrashing Tuesday – the Oaks hero who runs in tomorrow's Prix Vermeille. Since then, the Dermot Weld star has been waiting for ground that has some cut.

Taking her on is SAFRON BEACH, who was good at Royal Ascot in the Duke of Cambridge and even better last time in the Group 1 Prix Rothschild.

Tactics look simple, with Jane Chapple-Hyam's runner likely to go off in front and Homeless Songs attempting to cut her down. That's not to mention TENEBRISM, who will also bid to fly late!

I mentioned the Vermeille, but it's tomorrow's Qatar Prix Foy that marks the second run in Europe of VERRY ELLEGANT.

For those of you who don't follow world racing that closely, Verry Elleegant has been a superstar in Australia, landing both the Cox Plate and the Melbourne Cup.

She clearly needs the run on her French debut, but is much better than that.

It's a weekend the Queen would have loved. Her understanding of top racehorses was second to none. Her love of racing was priceless.

We will all miss you Ma'am.

Thank you for everything.



BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT... it was a sea of red and purple at Epsom in June as 40 riders, including Tony McCoy, Frankie Dettori, Kieren Fallon, Willie Carson and Steve Cauthen, who have raced in the Queen's famous silks formed a guard of honour to mark her Platinum Jubilee anniversary

Favourite

QUEEN ELIZABETH:

IRISH CHAMPIONS DAY AT LEOPARDSTOWN WITH

TEMPLEGATE

1.30	Kayhana
2.05	Current Option
2.40	Serious Challenge
3.10	Thunder Kiss
3.45	Vadeni
4.20	JADOMMI (nap)
4.55	Homeless Songs
5.30	Dutch Schultz

EAMONN HAMES

1.30	Easy
2.05	Markaz Paname (nb)
2.40	Auguste Rodin
3.10	Point King
3.45	Vadeni
4.20	JADOMMI (nap)
4.55	Homeless Songs
5.30	Moracana

SUNRATINGS' NAP: POINT KING (3.10 Leopardstown).

SIRIUS, Sun On Sunday, nap: ALENQUER (3.45 Leopardstown).

TIC-TAC: Left-handed galloping track of 1m 6f with a run-in of 3f.

DRAW: Low best in spires.

FAVOURITES: (2017-2022): 293 have won out of 917 (32%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 39 have won out of 134 races (29%).

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HOT 'N NOT

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: C & M Johnston 13 wins from 84 runners; S & E Crisford 13 from 25; J P Murtagh 7 from 19; D K Weld 5 from 17; W Haggas 8 from 45; R Fahey 11 from 65; A P O'Brien 5 from 35.

JOCKEYS who have had the best record in last 14 days: W J Lee 7 wins from 51 rides; Jamie Powell 7 from 29; B Moen 6 from 29; W M Lordan 5 from 31; R L Moore 5 from 33; C D Hayes 6 from 42.

TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: S Lavery 58; L Coher 25.

JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: D W O'Connor 37; N Cross 34.

TOP TRAINERS

2017-2022 A P O'Brien 85-503,

J P O'Brien 78-613, J Harrington

49-516, G M Lyons 49-295, D K Weld 45-271, J S Bolger

39-362, J P Murtagh 17-174, T

Mullins 16-162, M Halford 10-143,

Donacha O'Brien 9-66, **THIS**

SEASON: J P O'Brien 14, A P

O'Brien 9, J S Bolger 6.

TOP JOCKEYS

2017-2022 C T Keane 55-388,

S Foley 37-358, R L Moore

30-102, J A Heffernan 30-233,

K Manning 30-297, S M Cross

29-166, D McDonagh 28-25, C D

Hayes 27-307, W J Lee 23-249,

R Whelan 22-242, **THIS SEASON:**

C T Keane 8, K J Manning 6.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD:

1.30 Easy A Slattery to P

Twomey; 4.20 Just Beautiful

I Furtado to P Twomey; State-

ment K Ryan to J P O'Brien.

RACEFACE: D K Weld won the

3.10 in 2015, 2016 & 2017, A P

O'Brien won the 1.30 in 2019 &

2020, and won the 2.40 in 2012,

2013, 2014, 2015 & 2017,

and won the 3.10 in 2018, 2019 &

2020, and won the 3.45 in 2019,

2020 & 2021, and won the 4.55 in

2016 & 2017, G M Lyons won the

2.05 in 2012 & 2021, W P Mullins

won the 5.30 in 2013, 2017 &

2018, J T Gosden won the 3.45 in

2013, 2015 & 2018.

IN THE MONEY

TOP EARNERS

3.45 Mishriff ... £15,280, 944

3.45 Broome ... £1,677, 874

3.45 Vadeni ... £1,526, 240

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: Clever

And Cool (1.30) won at Cork (5),

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: 5.30

Temple O' Artemis; 5.30 La

Hacienda.

VISORED FIRST TIME: 5.30

Sandhurst; 5.30 Effernoch Fizz,

JOB JOCKEYS: J Powell rides

Female Soldier (5.30) for T

Mullins, 3 from 3, 100% W M

Lordan rides Highly Desirable

(1.30), Blairmayne (2.05) for

N Lupini, 8 from 28, 29%, C

Sumoilian rides Vadeni (3.45) for

J C Rouget, 45 from 177, 29%

W J Lee rides Easy (1.30), Earl

Of Tyrone (3.10), Just Beautiful

(4.20), Pearls Galore (4.55) for

P Twomey, 73 from 261, 28%.

1.30 INGABELLE STAKES (FILLIES' LISTED) (Class 1) 2-Y-O; €60,000; 7f (11 runners)

1 1 CLEVER AND COOL 3 J Bolger 9-2 Kevin Manning 99

Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (S) Good debut win at Cork, likes soft ground, more to come, solid chance

2 1 EASY 50 P Twomey 9-2 Billy Lee 92

Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (G) Impressive debut win over 5f, will love this trip, much more expected

3 4418 EVENING'S EMPIRE 14 (D) E & P Hartley 9-2 Tom Marquard 90

Runs: 4 Wins: 4 Best effort over 7f on soft, held in Group 3 last time, bit to prove now

4 93 HIGHLY DESIRABLE 20 N Lupini 9-2 Wayne Lordan 75

Runs: 2 Places: 1 Improved when third at Naas latest but still looks short of this level

5 1 KAYHANA 91 (D) D Weld 9-2 Chris Hayes 97

Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (G) Smooth debut win at Limerick, has plenty of pace, major player here

6 321 LIBRARY 15 (D) A O'Brien 9-2 Ryan Moore 94

Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) Easy maiden win latest, should handle it soft, yard always respected

7 12 MA BELLE ARTISTE 12 (CD) J O'Brien 9-2 Declan McDonogh 88

Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) Two good runs so far, likes this trip and track, can improve further

8 U6 SATIN 15 J Harrington 9-2 Shane Foley -

Runs: 2 Not shown enough on either run to be challenging at this level

9 1 SHEYYA 100 (CD) J Murtagh 9-2 Ben Coen 92

Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (G) Plenty in hand with debut win here, trip suits, each-way prospects

10 3 SWEETEST ROSE 35 G Lyons 9-2 Carroll 90

Runs: 1 Places: 1 Finished strongly on debut at The Curragh, this is much tougher

11 144 ZARINSK 51 G Lyons 9-2 Colin Kean 92

Runs: 3 Wins: 1 Stumbled last time after good Group 2 run, trip will suit, shortlisted

BETTING: 7-2 Zarinsk, 4 Library, 9-2 Easy, 11-2 Ma Belle Artiste, 6 Sheyya, 8 Kayhana, 10 Clever And Cool, Sweetest Rose

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 7 5 2

2021: Panama Red 9-2, C Keane 11-1 (G M Lyons), dr 7, 11 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CLEVER AND COOL (9-2) 8-1 SATIN (9-2) 16-1

Blue Eyes (9-2) 3-1 SATIN (9-2) 16-1

EASY (9-2) 1-1 SATIN (9-2) 16-1

MA BELLE ARTISTE (9-2) 40-1

Sheyya (9-2) 1-1 SATIN (9-2) 16-1

SWEETEST ROSE (9-2) 1-1 SATIN (9-2) 16-1

ZARINSK (9-2) 11-4 in rear, ridden furiously, no extra 4th of 6 (2-1) to

Never Ending Story (9-2) (Leopardstown 7f Gr 3 €30,000 good to firm).

LIBRARY (9-2) even fav made all, 3 lengths clear 2f out, easily, bt Bella

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

KAYHANA made a nice start when winning on debut at Limerick. She picked up nicely and didn't have to hit top gear. She is bred to like cut in the ground and can take a step forward. Zarinsk tripped coming out of the stalls in the Silver Flash here and has had a little break. She won her maiden nicely at The Curragh before a solid run in a Group 2 there so has some quality. Library had plenty in hand when getting off the mark at Tipperary 15 days ago. This daughter of Galileo will have no issue with the conditions. Easy was impressive over 5f at Cork and should more to offer upped in distance.

2.05 SOVEREIGN PATH' PREMIER HANDICAP; winner €90,000; 7f (18 runners)

1 600041 CURRENT OPTION 41 (CD) A McGuinness 6-10-0 Cian MacRedmond 5 91

Runs: 33 Wins: 7 (2S, GS, 2G) Places: 8 €348,560

Big-field win at Galway, likes it here too, right in the hunt again

2 028115 I'M A GAMBLER 13 (D) C & M Johnston (UK) 3-9-3 Tom Marquard 87

Runs: 22 Wins: 7 (4F, GS, 2G) Places: 5 €125,150

Best form over this trip, drops in class from Group 3, contender

3 300783 RHOSCOLYN 14 (T;BF,D)

(10) D O'Meara (UK) 4-9-13 Jason Watson 89

Runs: 28 Wins: 4 (S,F,GS) Places: 5 €149,040

Loves this trip and just piped at Goodwood last time, on the shortlist

4 13-11 MARKAZ PANAME 153 (D) G Lyons 3-9-12 ... Collier Keane 99

Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (G) Places: 1 €62,965

Group 3 latest over this trip, ground suits, improving, major player

5 022023 SAN ANDREAS 29 (D)

(17) J O'Brien 9-10-0 Hugh Horgan 77

Runs: 39 Wins: 6 (F,FA) Places: 12 €154,559

Held in lesser races than this, slow ground a worry, hard to fancy

6 5201-1 EMPORIA 15 (D)

(11) D O'Brien 4-9-9 ... Gavin Ryan 86

Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 5 €39,728

Good form over 1m, handles any ground, on fair weight, place shout

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

CURRENT OPTION comes here on a high after winning in a big field at the Galway Festival for the third time.

He is best over this distance with cut in the ground and has winning form around here too. He's a solid each-way shout in a wide-open race.

Rhoscolyn is another who likes this in-between trip and was beaten in a bunch finish at Goodwood two Saturdays ago.

The horse that beat him that day - I'm A Gambler - is in this field too having held his own in a Group 3 contest just a day later.

He is another in with a shout. Markaz Paname

is likely to be pretty short after winning the Gladness Stakes at The Curragh last time. That built on a good handicap success at Naas and he has more to come.

2.05

2021: Camorra 4-9-11, Gary Carroll 18-1 (G M Lyons), dr 7, 9 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF

HAVE a Leopardstown each-way double. MA BELLE ARTISTE (1.30) has

shown enough promise on her two runs to hit the frame. Pair her with TENEGRISM

(4.55) who was a good second in France last time and looks capable of improvement.

8-5730 LUSTOWN BABA 111 (P;D)

(18) J Murtagh 5-9-8 ... Shane B Kelly 87

Places: 6 €139,331

Not been firing for a while, held at Curragh latest, others preferred

8 -05086 SAFE VOYAGE 14 (C,D)

(19) J Quinn (UK) 9-9-8 ... Jason Hart 93

Runs: 42 Wins: 13 (GS,2A,4GS,3G) Places: 5 €569,221

Solid performer at this level, not won for a little while, down weights

9 2-4431 SURROUNDING 44 (T;CD)

(21) J O'Brien 9-9-7 ... Ronan Whelan 90

Runs: 44 Wins: 11 (2F,3A,4G) Places: 14 €395,959

Came good over this trip at Galway, likes it soft, should run well again

10 2-4274 ANDREAS VESALIUS 31 (P)

(12) J O'Brien 3-9-5 ... Jake Coen 5 94

Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (S) €37,745

Unlucky at Gowran latest, dropped in weight since, one to consider

11 -71970 LEXINGTON DASH 14 (T;D)

(13) J McConnell 5-9-5 ... Donagh O'Connor 97

Runs: 24 Wins: 4 (2F,2G) Places: 4 €47,040

Last win over this trip on soft but has been struggling at this level

12 010590 SPANISH TENOR 14 (CD)

(5) A McGuinness 8-9-5 ... Adam Caffrey (7) 89

Runs: 55 Wins: 6 (2S,F) Places: 1 €95,662

Goes well into and coming down weights, trip suits, looks a big price

13 -40083 MASTER MATT 31 (B,T;D)

(3) M Smith 6-9-4 ... Billy Lee 93

Runs: 48 Wins: 7 (2S,A,2G) Places: 5 €117,315

Back to form at Gowran latest, on fair weight, needs his best to score

14 430-53 FINAL VOYAGE 26 (D)

(6) J Murtagh 4-9-0 ... Ben Coen 92

Runs: 15 Wins: 5 (5A) Places: 1 €36,612

Favourite

QUEEN ELIZABETH:

TOMORROW'S DONCASTER ST LEGER DAY CARD

12.30 CORAL CHAMPAGNE STAKES (GROUP 2)
2-Y-O; winner £79,458; 7f (3 runners)

1	511 CHALDEAN 24 (D)	A Balding 9-2 Frankie Dettori 98
(1)		Frankie Dettori 98
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 £90,464		
Improving, won the Acomb at York with authority, stays well, go close		
2	512 INDESTRUCTIBLE 24	M O'Callaghan (Ire) 9-2 David Egan 93
(2)		David Egan 93
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £36,376		
Strong traveller, just outstayed in Acomb at York, respected		
3	411 SILVER KNOTT 21 (D)	C Appleby 9-2 William Buick 99
(3)		William Buick 99
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 1 £40,006		
Powerful, impressive in the Solaro at Sandown latest, lots to like		

BETTING: 10-11 Silver Knott, 7-8 Chaldean, 9-2 Indestructible

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 1 2 2

2021: Bayside Boy 9-0, David Egan 5-1 (R Varian), dr 2, 4 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CHALDEAN (9-3) 7-2 led 3st out, driven and headed 1st out, led again running, stayed on, bt INDESTRUCTIBLE (9-3) 8-1 led 1st out, ridden and headed final furlong, held, 7/4 (9 ran) (York 7f Grp 3 (£) £95,065 good).

SILVER KNOTT (9-3) 9-4 rear, in touch, effort and smooth headway 1f out, shaken up and led 1f out, ridden and edged right inside last, kept on well, ready, bt Wahaj (9-3) 3/4 (6 ran) (Sandown 7f Grp 3 (£) £34,026 good).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

Only three runners but you can make a case for any one of the trio. CHALDEAN looks the one to beat after his impressive victory in the Acomb Stakes at York last time. He was always up with the pace and went on three furlongs from home. He had a right ding-dong with INDESTRUCTIBLE up the Knavesmire straight but was comfortably on top crossing the line. There should be a good deal more to come from both of them but Frankie Dettori's mount can take the bigger step forward. They both have a formidable foe in the shape of Silver Knott. He won a minor contest on the all-weather at Kempton before taking a real leap forward in taking the Solaro Stakes at Sandown. He picked up well to land that Group 3 and will be a major threat again for Charlie Appleby and William Buick.

1.00 CAZOO HANDICAP (2) value to the winner £27,000; 6f 111yds (14 runners)

1	440-11 SHINE SO BRIGHT 118 (H,D)	J Hutton 9-10 Harry Davies (3) 99
(13)		Harry Davies (3) 99
Runs: 24 Wins: 5 (3,F,2G) Places: 6 £316,514		
Classy, Grp 2 winner in his pomp, big threat to all in his current form		
2	-10100 ASJAD 48 (C)	J Horton 4-9-5 P J McDonald 90
(8)		P J McDonald 90
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (S,2,G,S) Places: 1 £42,609		
Down the field last year, 5th higher in the ratings now, others preferred		
3	450219 FOOLS RUSH IN 20 (P,T,D)	H Palmer 4-9-2 Jamie Spencer 96
(5)		Jamie Spencer 96
Runs: 26 Wins: 7 (2,F,2A,S,2G,S) Places: 4 £81,625		
Excuses at Chester, better judged on earlier win, Spencer is a positive		
4	284500 LORD OF THE LODGE 20 (D)	K Burke 5-9-1 Clifford Lee 87
(2)		Clifford Lee 87
Runs: 27 Wins: 6 (2,4F,A) Places: 6 £165,457		
Useful handicapper, always a threat in this sort of event, respected		
5	034102 MUMS TIPPLE 6 (D)	R Hannan 5-9-1 Ryan Moore 97
(1)		Ryan Moore 97
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (2,F,A,G) Places: 4 £127,132		
Went close at Ascot, mark has been left untouched, quietly fancied		
6	02-878 BELLOSA 13 (T,D)	J Chapple-Hyam 4-9-0 Hollie Doyle 91
(11)		Hollie Doyle 91
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £31,722		
Smart filly, Listed winner and still unexposed in hcaps, dangerous		
7	110931 TANMAWWY 14 (H,C)	C Hills 4-9-0 Jim Crowley 97
(10)		Jim Crowley 97
Runs: 8 Wins: 4 (S,F,2G) Places: 1 £24,712		
Course winner, stayed on well to win at Flos Las latest, one to consider		
8	210910 LION TOWER 22 (D)	G Tuer 5-8-13 Sam James 89
(6)		Sam James 89
Runs: 32 Wins: 8 (2,F,3A,3G) Places: 8 £104,840		
Tough and experienced, but not seen sprinting in over two years, avoid		
9	37010 RAATEA 41 (H)	J Camacho 5-8-11 Graham Lee 96
(9)		Graham Lee 96
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (F,2A) Places: 5 £48,409		
Second last year, outclassed in the Stewards' Cup last time, do better		
10	216034 ABLE KANE 13 (CD)	B Millane 5-8-10 William Buick 96
(14)		William Buick 96
Runs: 30 Wins: 7 (S,2,F,2G,S,2G) Places: 8 £108,295		
Last year's winner, fourth over further at Goodwood latest, go close		
11	451111 JUAN LES PINNS 36 (C,D)	M Appleby 5-8-10 Frederick Larson (5) 94
(12)		Frederick Larson (5) 94
Runs: 29 Wins: 6 (3,F,2G,S,G) Places: 7 £62,394		
On a roll, winning all three starts for this yard, should be in the mix		
12	832144 HYPERFOCUS 39 (P,BF)	T Easterby 8-8-9 David Allan 87
(7)		David Allan 87
Runs: 50 Wins: 7 (S,2,F,3A,3G,S) Places: 10 £106,568		
Experienced, sole win in last two years came at Class 4 level, dismiss		
13	267770 ZARGUN 41 (D)	S Dixon 7-8-7 Cam Hardie 83
(3)		Cam Hardie 83
Runs: 48 Wins: 3 (G,S,G) Places: 11 £87,059		
Midfield at Goodwood, last win came over five at Catterick, hard to fancy		
14	143619 MITRONFIRE 15 (D)	W Muir & C Grassick 4-8-4 Hayley Turner 89
(4)		Hayley Turner 89
Runs: 26 Wins: 7 (4,F,A,G,S,G) Places: 5 £87,089		
Well beaten here last year, returns off the same mark, ignore		

BETTING: 4 Tanmawwy, 11-2 Able Kane, Juan Les Pines 13-2 Mums Tipple, 11 Asjad, Hyperfocus, Shine So Bright, 12 Fools Rush In
WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2021: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

SHINE SO BRIGHT (9-2) 5-1 headway 2f out, led finish, 8th on, bt Saleym (9-5) 11 (11 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap 2) £25,770 good to firm.

LION TOWER (8-9) 3-3 led 1f out until final 100 yards, faded, 9th of 21 (btn 10) to Blue For You (9-2) (York 7f hcap 2) £34,425 good to firm.

ZARGUN (8-10) 12-5 led 1f out, ridden, ridden 3f out, no threat, 18th of 28 (btm 11) to Commande Falls (9-5) **ABLE KANE** (8-9) 4-0-1 no show, 22nd (btm 15) to **RAATEA** (8-10) 22-1 faded, 24th (btm 16) (28 ran) (Goodwood 6f hcap 2) £28,683 good to firm.

ABLE KANE (8-10) 11-1 led, pushed three lengths clear 3f out, ridden 2f out, headed run-in, 4th of 11 (btm 14) to I'm A Gambler (9-5) (Goodwood 7f hcap 2) £38,655 good to soft.

MUMS TIPPLE (9-9) 5-1 held 1f out by Chester Im (cap) £23,193 good.

SHINE SO BRIGHT (9-2) 5-1 fav, ridden, 10th of 21, 1st to command, 11-1 led, pushed three lengths clear 3f out, ridden 2f out, headed run-in, 4th of 11 (btm 14) to I'm A Gambler (9-5) (Goodwood 7f hcap 2) £38,655 good to soft.

MITRONFIRE (9-2) 8-1 never on terms, 9th of 13 (btm 6) to Badri (9-6) (Newcastle 6f hcap 3) £25,770 AW.

TRILLIUM (8-9) 10-1 every chance, ridden 1f out, faded, 8th of 9 (btm 8) to Sam Maximus (9-0) (Newmarket 6f Listed) (£) £29,489 good to good.

TANMAWWY (9-8) 4-1 led close home, bt Emperor (Spirit) (9-9) hd (7 ran)

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TANMAWWY has winning form here and ran right up to his best when scoring in gutsy style at Ffos Las 14 days ago. He goes on any ground and should be right there again in a fiendishly tough race. **Mums Tipple** won at Newmarket last month and was close to that level with a neck second at Ascot last week. He is right at home at this trip and Ryan Moore takes over. **Shine So Bright** was a Group 2 winner a couple of years ago and has found his mojo with back-to-back wins at Newmarket. He has good claimer Harry Davies in the saddle and his stamina will be an asset at this in-between trip.

1.35 WAINWRIGHT FLYING CHILDERS STAKES (GROUP 2) 2-Y-O; £65,216; 5f (8 runners)

1	122364 CRISPY CAT 43 (D)	M O'Callaghan (Ire) 9-3 Ryan Moore 95
(6)		Ryan Moore 95
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 £45,998		
Travelled well for a long way in the Richmond at Goodwood, dangerous		
2	1845 HARRY TIME 27	M O'Callaghan (Ire) 9-3 Leigh Roche 89
(3)		Leigh Roche 89
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £14,373		
Talented, but found things tough since winning his maiden, bit to find		
3	11 PRINCE OF PILLO 27 (D)	K Dalgleish 9-3 Callum Rodriguez 90
(1)		Callum Rodriguez 90
Runs: 2 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £11,416		
Unbeaten, quickened well to win easily at Ripon latest, dangerous		
4	232936 FUNNY MONEY HONEY 8	J Harrington (Ire) 9-0 Hollie Doyle 88
(4)		Hollie Doyle 88
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £24,977		
Found 6f too far in a Grp 3 at Salisbury latest, drop back to 5f will suit		
5	31 LADY HAMANA 23 (D)	K Burke 9-0 Shane Foley 92
(8)		Shane Foley 92
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £4,686		
Looked the part when hammering a fair yardstick at Wolves, interesting		
6	211233 MALRESCIA 6 (T,★,D)	G Boughey 9-0 William Buick 90
(2)		William Buick 90
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (S,A) Places: 4 £34,696		
Speedy, set blistering fractions in a Grp 3 at Kempton on Saturday, e-w		
7	10112 THE PLATINUM QUEEN 21 (D)	R Fahy 9-0 Oisin Orr 99
(7)		Oisin Orr 99
Runs: 5 Wins: 3 (2,F,G) Places: 1 £152,946		
Flying machine, ran a huge race in the Nunthorpe at York, one to beat		
8	211 TRILLIUM 44 (D)	R Hannan 9-0 Pat Dobbs 96
(5)		Pat Dobbs 96
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 1 £50,746		
Top-class, cruised home in the Molecomb at Goodwood, speed to burn		
BETTING: 6-4 The Platinum Queen, 15-8 Trillium, 8 Crispy Cat, 10 Prince Of Pillo, 12 Malrescia, 20 Funny Money Honey		
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 9 6 2 2		
2021: Caturra 9-1, Adam Kirby 7-1 (C Cox), drawn 7, 11 ran.		

Sunracing FORM

CRISPY CAT (9-2) 12-1 every chance, ridden 1f out, one pace, 4th of 8 (btm 3) to Royal Scotsman (9-2) (Goodwood 6f Grp 2) £38,065 good to firm.

FUNNY MONEY HONEY (9-0) 6-1 led under, kept on, 3rd of 7 (btm 4) to Malrescia (9-0) 12-1 faded, 2nd to Rocket Rooney (9-3) 11-1 (7 ran) (Wetherby 6f hcap 2) £39,697 AW.

PRINCE OF PILLO (9-4) 5-2 it led 1f out, drifted, ran on strongly, bt New (9-3) 11-1 (7 ran) to Mischief Magic (9-3) (Wetherby 6f Listed) (£) £22,501 good.

MAKING A MARK (9-5) 3-3 led until final 2f out, bt Rockin' (9-3) 11-1 (7 ran) (Wetherby 6f Listed) (£) £29,000 good to firm.

TRILLIUM (9-0) 7-1 ridden 1f out, ran on, quickened, easily, bt Rocket Rooney (9-3) 11-1 (8 ran) (Goodwood 6f Grp 3) £42,532 good to firm.

FUNNY MONEY HONEY (9-2) 15-2 led until 1f out, 6th of 12 (btm 2/F) to Juliet Sierra (9-2) (Salisbury 6f Grp 3)

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

TRILLIUM is progressing fast and stepped into Group 3 level to win with plenty in hand at Goodwood last time. She enjoyed dropping back to this trip for that Molecomb success and can improve again. The **Platinum Queen** has loads of speed and landed a couple of hot contests at Goodwood and York before a fantastic second in the Group 1 Nunthorpe. She was getting weight from her elders there but it was still a fine effort and she is a big threat again. **Crissy Cat** was an unlucky third in the Norfolk at Royal Ascot and the drop back to this trip will suit. **Malrescia** has an each-way shout. **Funny Money Honey** will like the soft ground but looks exposed.

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2.10 CORAL PORTLAND HANDICAP (2) value to the winner £51,540; 6f (22 runners)

Sun FORM

INTRINSIC BOND (8-7) 11-1 led 2f out,

ran on well, bt Good Earth (8-2) 11-1

JUSTANOTHERBOTTLE (9-6) 9-1

closed, 12th to 11-1 (7 ran) (Ripon 6f hcap 2) £51,540 good to firm.

BERGRAC (8-12) 22-1 led until

if out, rallied, led again close

home to King Of Stars (9-3) sh

EMPIRE (9-0) 25-1

closed, 12th to 11-1 (7 ran) (Ascot 6f hcap 2) £10,100 good to soft.

Sovereign (9-1) 21-1 mid-

division, not clear if 11-1 (7 ran) (Ascot 6f hcap 2) £10,100 good to soft.

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Favourite

ON ITV4: 1.35, 2.10, 2.45, 3.20 & 3.55

GOOD TO SOFT

2.45 CORAL DONCASTER CUP STAKES (GROUP 2)
winner £73,723; 2m 2f (8 runners)

1 221142 **COLTRANE** 21 (BF)
(6) A Balding 5-9-7 Rob Hornby 90
Runs: 15 Wins: 5 (F,G,G) Places: 5 £262,095
Strong stayer, disappointing when well held at York latest, do better

2 121151 **GET SHIRTY** 20
(4) D O'Meara 6-9-7 Daniel Tudhope 90
Runs: 23 Wins: 7 (S,F,G,S,G) Places: 6 £249,155
Rapid improver, given average ride in the Ebor at York, more to come

3 700841 **ISLAND BRAVE** 6
(7) H Main 8-9-7 P J McDonald 83
Runs: 58 Wins: 12 (3,F,T,2,G) Places: 3 £265,243
Tough, but this happier may find things a struggle at this lofty level

4 552153 **RESHOUN** 21 (P,C)
(8) I Williams 8-9-7 Jim Crowley 89
Runs: 40 Wins: 7 (F,S,F,G,S,G) Places: 6 £248,552
Stout stayer, solid effort when second at York latest, place claims

5 140-01 **STRATUM** 83 (D)
(3) W Mullins 9-9-7 William Buick 91
Runs: 26 Wins: 7 (3,S,3F) Places: 7 £433,927
Stout stayer, tough win at R Ascot in June, goes well fresh, dangerous

6 11-13 **TRUESHAN** 45
(5) A King 6-9-7 Hollie Doyle 99
Runs: 19 Wins: 12 (4S,2A,4G,S,2G) Places: 3 £1,246,749
Top-class, best stayer around on soft ground, impossible to oppose

7 344592 **HAIZOOM** 16
(1) K Dalgleish 4-9-4 Sam James 71
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (GS,3G) Places: 5 £57,524
Huge outsider, only rated in the 70s and a mountain to climb on form

8 8218-4 **LISMORE** 128 (P)
(2) H Broome (Ire) 5-9-4 Jamie Spencer 88
Runs: 17 Wins: 5 (S,2A,F,G) Places: 4 £63,723
Fragile type, but smart performer at her best, more rain the better

BETTING: 1-2 Trueshan, 5 Coltrane, 11-2 Get Shirty, 14 Stratum, 22 Lismore, 28 Reshoun, 50 Island Brave, 150 Haizoom

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 1 1
2021: Strativarius 7-9-8, L Dettori 4-11 Fav (J & T Gosden), dr 5, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

COLTRANE (9-5) 4-5-4, fast, chased leaders, won 2nd 10f out, behind clear winner, ridden 3f out, never closed, just held on to 2nd, b/n 14f by Quickthorn (9-5) **RESHOUN** (9-5) 25-1 towards rear, outpaced over 3f out, stayed on final furlong, no chance with winner, 3rd (btb 14f) (6) 140-01 **STRATUM** (9-5) 25-1 towards rear, pushed along and headway 2f out, stayed on one pace, 5th of 20 (btb 3/4) to Trawlerman (9-4) (York 1/m cap) (2) £300,000 good to firm.

ISLAND BRAVE (9-12) 15-2 led, headed after 5f, pushed along, 3f out, led again, 10f out, 1st to 2nd, b/n 16f by Thunder (9-5) 1/2 (6 ran) (Haydock 1/m cap) (2) £51,540 good to firm).

STRATUM (9-7) 10-1 rear, pushed along 3f out, headway 2f out, chased leaders 1f out, went 2nd final 100

yards, stayed on, bt **RESHOUN** (9-4) 20-1 pushed along 3f out, disputing lead 1f out, stayed on well but headed finish, 11 (12 ran) (Ascot 2/m cond sitk) (2) £54,000 good to firm).

TRUESHAN (9-11) 21-2 kept in midfield, rapid headway 3f out, ridden to press leader out, 3rd of 9 (btb 11f) 14-2 **GET SHIRTY** (9-12) 16-1 towards rear, pushed along and headway 2f out, stayed on one pace, 5th of 20 (btb 3/4) to Trawlerman (9-4) (York 1/m cap) (2) £300,000 good to firm).

HAIZOOM (9-3) 7-2 prominent, ridden 2f out, kept on but always held by fast winner, b/n 11f by Wise Eagle (9-9) 1/2 (6 ran) (Newmarket 27/4 m cap) (2) £10,476 good to firm).

LISMORE (9-2) 12-1 pushed along, tracked leaders, ridden, 8th of 11 (btb 16f) to Yaxeni (9-2) (Gowran Park 17/4 m cap) (1) £28,500 yielding).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

TRUESHAN is on a different level to these, especially with some cut in the ground. Alan King has been a little more adventurous with his star this season and let him run on fast going last time when he was a decent third in the Goodwood Cup. He was just over a length behind Kypros and Stratidavarius on the Downs and this is a lot easier. The galloping track will be ideal and more rain would only help his chances. It should be a good battle for second between **Coltrane** and **Get Shirty**. The former's best effort came when winning a Listed contest at Sandown over two miles in July. He was then fourth in the Goodwood Cup before a distant second when well backed in the Lonsdale Cup at York. He stays strongly and won't mind if it gets testing. Get Shirty won Haydock's Old Newton Cup over a mile and a half before a good fifth in the Ebor under a big weight. Stamina shouldn't be an issue. **Stratum** is respected. He won the Queen Alexandra Stakes again at Royal Ascot and won't be stopping at the line.

2.45 2.45 **CAZOO PARK STAKES (GROUP 2); value to the winner £68,052; 7f (9 runners)**

1 633019 **JUMBY** 21 (D)
(5) E-J Houghton 4-9-9 Charles Bishop 88
Runs: 17 Wins: 5 (F,2G) Places: 5 £156,232
Improving. Struggled a bit but earlier win in the Hungerford is solid form

2 9-3821 **KINROSS** 21 (D)
(2) R Beckett 5-9-9 Frankie Dettori 91
Runs: 18 Wins: 5 (S,F,A,2,G,S,G) Places: 2 £478,929
Classy, won a Grp 2 at York with plenty in hand, more rain the better

3 131-05 **AL SUHALI** 21 (H,D)
(1) C Appleby 5-9-6 William Buick 73
Runs: 15 Wins: 4 (2,F,2G,S) Places: 5 £165,304
Quirky but talented, needed the run at York latest, will be sharper

4 424013 **GARRUS** 34
(6) C Hills 6-9-6 Kieran Shoemark 86
Runs: 25 Wins: 7 (3,F,2A,GS,G) Places: 6 £256,337
Difficult ride, but he's talented, caught the eye in a Grp 1 latest, interesting

5 532102 **MISTY GREY** 13 (D)
(9) T Dascombe 5-9-6 Richard Kingscote 89
Runs: 28 Wins: 6 (5,A,G) Places: 7 £154,433
Real tries, never knows when he's beat and likely to show up well

6 8-1051 **DOUBLE OR BUBBLE** 13 (D)
(8) C Wall 5-9-3 Jack Mitchell 92
Runs: 14 Wins: 6 (F,GS,4G) Places: 4 £205,705
Useful mare, tough win in the Supreme at Goodwood, respected

7 663026 **MAHARAJAAN** 13 (D)
(10) S Chauvelin 5-9-3 Hollie Doyle 99
Runs: 20 Wins: 6 (S,2A,2G,2F) Places: 5 £256,243
Good form, won at Newmarket, good to firm.

8 663027 **THE WIZARD OF EYE** 43 (D)
(1) C Appleby 4-9-3 David Egan 95
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £163,732
Touch of class, disappointing since promise effort at Royal Ascot, do better

9 33287 **NEW ENERGY** 62 (D)
(7) S Laverty (Ire) 3-9-2 Robbie Colgan 99
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £100,646
Highly tried, ran a cracker when runner-up in the Irish Guineas, e-w claims

10 -75052 **THE WIZARD OF EYE** 43
(3) J Moore 3-9-2 David Egan 89
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 3 £35,843
Huge career best when runner-up in a Grp 3 at Goodwood, e-w claims

11 71-556 **SACRED** 21 (T,BF,D)
(4) W Haggas 4-9-3 Cieren Fallon 95
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £163,732
Touch of class, disappointing since promise effort at Royal Ascot, do better

12 -33287 **NEW ENERGY** 62 (D)
(7) S Laverty (Ire) 3-9-2 Robbie Colgan 99
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £100,646
Highly tried, ran a cracker when runner-up in the Irish Guineas, e-w claims

13 -75052 **THE WIZARD OF EYE** 43 (D)
(3) J Moore 3-9-2 David Egan 89
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 3 £35,843
Huge career best when runner-up in a Grp 3 at Goodwood, e-w claims

14 2860-05 **FLOR DE LA LUNA** 16 (H,P,T)
M Appleby 4-8-3 Harry Davies 3/97
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 3 £163,732
Highly tried, ran a cracker when runner-up in the Irish Guineas, e-w claims

15 -026714 **FAME AND ACCLAIM** 36 (D)
Eyre 5-8-3 Paul Hanagan 98
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £163,732
Highly tried, ran a cracker when runner-up in the Irish Guineas, e-w claims

16 10-26714 **ATRIUM** 23 (D)
C Fellowes 3-8-11 William Buick 97
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £163,732
Highly tried, ran a cracker when runner-up in the Irish Guineas, e-w claims

17 10-26714 **POINT LUNA** 23 (D)
E Bettelli 3-8-6 Ray Davies 97
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £163,732
Highly tried, ran a cracker when runner-up in the Irish Guineas, e-w claims

18 10-242122 **MASTER RICHARD** 23 (D)
A Duffield 3-8-2 William Pyle (7) 98
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £163,732
Highly tried, ran a cracker when runner-up in the Irish Guineas, e-w claims

19 10-26714 **SYNTHETIC** 23 (D)
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Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £163,732
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QUEEN ELIZABETH:1926-2022



CHEPSTOW

1.25 APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Class 6); winner £3 726; 5f. (5 runners)

1 (4) 680 AUTUMN ANGEL 231 A Carroll 9-9. M Phillips (3)
2 (2) 3467 CORONATION COTTAGE 12 (CD) M Saunders 8-9. C Hutchinson (3)
3 (5) 4042 NACHO 30 (P,T,D) M McCain 9-4..... H Russell
4 (1) 2133 FOSSOS 3 (B,T,B) D Faulkner 4-9-13.... T Fisher (7)
5 (3) 009 KASWARAH 3 (P) J O'Shea 4-8-9..... G Mangan (3)
Nacho ●99, Fossos 98, Coronation Cottage 97.

11-8 Nacho, 3 Fossos, 4 Coronation Cottage, 6 Autumn Angel

2.00 MAIDEN STAKES (5); 2-y-o; winner £3 572; 5f. (7 runners)

1 (4) 6225 BETWEENTHESTICKS 13 M Channon 9-7. G Bass (3)
2 (3) 7 COMMISSION 9 M Tregoning 9-7..... C Bennett
3 (7) CONGRESS C Cox 9-7..... J Fahy
4 (6) 74 CLUEDO 12 H Candy 9-2..... D O'Neill
5 (1) 5283 COMEDIAN LEADER 33 (P+BF) G Kelleway 9-2. Morris
6 (2) 91 FURNICOE 75 G Kelleway 9-2..... S Osborne (3)
7 (5) 673 OUR FLORENTINE 11 (P*) G Bouhey 9-2. B Sayette (3)
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2.35 MAIDEN STAKES (5); winner £4 320; 5f. (7 runners)

1 (4) 65 ANGUS DE BULL 24 J O'Shea 6-8. G Mangan (6)
2 (5) 5 CLOUD CUCKOO 18 H Candy 3-9-7..... D O'Neill
3 (7) 0637 MY GENHIS 34 A Carroll 3-9-7..... L Morris
4 (1) 85- OASIS GIFT 309 C Cox 3-9-7..... J Fahy
5 (6) 66 BUDDY'S BEAUTY 127 (H+) Gallagher 3-9-2. F Marsh
6 (2) 2442 ISCHIA 20 (BP) J Fanshawe 3-9-2. B Sayette (3)
7 (3) 523 LA EQUINATA 20 M Murphy & M Keady 3-8-2. T Fisher (7)

Ischia ●99, My Genhis 96, La Equinata 90.

11-10 Ischia 10-3 My Genhis, 4 La Equinata, 11-2asis Gitt

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3.10 HANDICAP (2); winner £12 895; 6f. (13 runners)

1 (10) 8-24 CHURCHILL BAY 29 (T) G Cox 4-9-12..... J Fahy
2 (9) 5655 BLUEBELL TIME 3 (C,D) M Saunders 6-8-9. T Whelan
3 (1) 5349 UNDER CURFEW 12 (CD) M Channon 6-8-9. M Phillips (5)
4 (8) 2121 BONITA B 13 (P,D) M Channon 3-4-3..... G Bass (3)
5 (11) 1261 CABEZA DE LLAVE 21 M Attwarr 3-9-1.... D O'Neill
6 (13) 3434 SYMBOL OF HOPE 25 (P,D) G Harris 4-9-13. L Morris
7 (6) 9243 HANDYTALE 13 (CD) B Millman 9-8-13. O Seale (7)
8 (3) 2255 VAPE 16 (P,D) J Flint 5-8-12..... W Cox
9 (2) 6274 DELAGATE THIS LORD 32 (D) S Hodgeson 8-12-10. T Ladd
10 (5) 6311 WADE'S MAGIC 11 (P,D) T Easterby 5-8-10. B Wilkie (7)
11 (7) 3433 RACER 10 (P,D) M Channon 3-4-3. G Mangan (5)
12 (4) 547 MORE THAN LIKELY 8 (D) N Evans 6-8-5. G Rooke
13 (12) 1466 SAPPHIRE'S MOON 6 A Carroll 3-8-2. R Ingram (3)

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SUN FORM

UNDER CURFEW (8-9) 25-1 led 3f out, headed final furlong, no extras towards finish, 3rd of 10 (10th 21) to True Mason (9-11). CHURCHILL BAY (9-10) 8-1 kept on, final furlong, 4th of 10 (10th 21) to True Mason (9-10). G Mangan (AW).

BLUEBELL TIME (9-12) 6-1 outpaced, kept on, 5th of 5 (21) to Willingly (8-11) (Chepstow 5f (5) 6-5-66 soft).

VAPE (9-8) 9-1 never dangerous, 5th of 11 (4f/1) to Firenze Rosa (8-4). UNDER CURFEW (9-10) 8-1 no impression, 9th (btn 6f/4) (11 ran) (Goodwood 5f (5) 6-5-66 soft).

BONITA B (8-13) 7-4 fav led final furlong, ran on, bt Silver King (9-11) (Epsom 5f (5) 6-5-66 soft).

CABEZA DE LLAVE (9-12) 5-1 led off, driven on by Tia Dalma (9-6) (11 ran) (Brighton 5f (5) 6-5-66 good).

SYMBOL OF HOPE (9-9) 12-1 one pace, 4th of 7 (btm 2f/1) to Street Life (9-5). BLUEBELL TIME (9-11) 22-1 extra, 6th (btm 4f) (Whiteman 5f (5) 6-7-26 AW).

HANDYTALE (9-13) 7-4 flagged on, 3rd of 10 (10th 1f/1) to Hail Caesar (9-12) (Chepstow 5f (5) 6-5-66 soft).

SYMBOL OF HOPE (9-12) 12-1 kept on, 3rd of 6 (btm 2f/1) to Glamorous Breeze (9-9). DELAGATE THIS LORD (8-13) 5-1 ran on, 4th (6f/4) (Salisbury 5f (5) 6-6-66 good).

WADE'S MAGIC (9-6) 6-1 stayed on to lead towards finish, bt Eldeyarr (9-9) 6-1 (D) DAO (9-6) 14-1 stayed on, 3rd (btm 4f) (11 ran) (Southwell 5f (5) 6-5-66 AW).

MORE THAN LIKELY (8-10) 10-1 22-1 extra, 7th (7f/1) to Redredabin (6-12) (Chepstow 7f (5) 6-7-26 good).

SAPPHIRE'S MOON (8-11) 6-12-5 weakened quickly, 6th of 9 (12f) to Red Alert (9-10) (Brighton 7f (5) 6-7-26 good).

3 Zealot, 6 Mountain Ash, 12-2 Accrington Stanley, 8

Defilade, 10 Danny Bleu, Luxy Lou, 12 Callin Sairee

GREYHOUND ROUND-UP

WARRIOR is fancied to win the battle at Shelsbourne Park this evening.

Four mouth-watering Irish Derby quarter-finals are on the menu at the Dublin track (live on RPTV) and Born Warrior (5) should take some catching at 8.46.

Having won in 29.46 in the second round, the in-form speedster was collared in the dying strides by the strong-running Crafty Kokoro last week. However, with little early speed among his rivals tonight, he can pace up into a very healthy lead and have his own way out in front.

Romeo Magico and Ballymac Finn (1) go head-to-head again at 8.06 and we could see a different result to last Saturday.

The latter only just failed to clear his reopposing a week ago, when barged out of the way on the bend and that allowed the English Derby hero to power to the front.

They switch traps now, though, and Ballymac Finn can make full use of his early dash now to cut loose on the inside.

Having won in a smart 29.36 a fortnight ago, Liam Dowling's exciting puppy should be tough to peg back if getting on the bunny again.

Callaway Pro Am (3) won sprang a 5/1 surprise in the 'heat of death' seven days ago and he can back that up with another victory at 9.05.

Owen McKenna's dog maintained his unbeaten record in the event when prevailing in a titanic duel with ante-post favourite Coolavanny Hoffa and looks to be going from strength to strength.

Coolavanny Hoffa is a warm

order to bounce back at 8.26

but the value may lie with Vincenzo (4), who could just hold the favourite to the corner thanks to being drawn on his inside.

Pat Guilfoyle's smart all-rounder posted the quickest time last Saturday and is a serious contender for outright glory.

■OLIVER'S ARMY (All) Shelsbourne; Ballymac Finn (T1) 8.06, Vincenzo (T4, 8.26), Born Warrior (T5, 8.46), Callaway Pro Am (T3, 9.05).

SHELBOURNE PARK CARD

7.15 (AO) 480 Metres

1-1 BOGGER HUNTER

9-2 Abyleya Rose

4-1 Ballymac Darcia

5-1 Ballymac Silver

7-2 A Luck Lady

4-1 DEADLY CRUSADER

7.29 (AAO) 480 Metres

5-4 VELASCO

3-1 GALLOPING SYDNEY

6-1 Kilcullen Comet

7-2 Radical Herot

6-1 A Lucky Gift

9-2 Paradise Nikibel

7-1 Jester

12-1 Count Aurelius

5-1 Ballybog Bob

9-2 Hawfield Avat

4-1 FANTASY REECE

1-1 FLASHING WILLOW

8.06 (IRISH DERBY QUARTER FINAL, HEAT 1) 500 METRES

7-4 BALLYMAC FINN

6-1 Romeo Magico

6-1 Tullig Raven

10-1 Skerries Barry

5-1 Vertically Stotor

5-2 ROCKS BUDGIT

8.26 (IRISH DERBY QUARTER FINAL, HEAT 2) 500 METRES

10-1 Hoodoo Brown

10-1 Callaway Masters

4-1 Cryptopunk

9-4 VINCENZO

4-5 COOLAVANNY HOFFA

12-1 Savanna Hero

GOING: SOFT

TEMPLEGATE

1.25	Nossos
2.35	Congress
3.10	Ischia
3.40	Churchill Bay
4.20	Grey Galloone
4.55	Zakram

TOM PEPPER

1.25	Nacho
2.00	Commission
2.35	My Ghengis
3.10	Bonita B
3.40	Connie's Rose
4.20	Moondial
4.55	James Jude

Jack Keene

TURF TALKING EVERY SATURDAY IN THE FAVOURITE

Blue-bloods will continue legacy



HOME-BRED... Reach For The Moon has enjoyed success for the Queen's breeding operation

BREED the best to the best . . . and hope for the best.

There is a reason stud farm owners have been trotting out that saying for centuries.

On paper, racehorse breeding might look simple – but in truth it requires graft, dedication, passion, knowledge . . . and a hell of a lot of luck.

It's not so much a 24-7 job as a lifetime commitment. You have to give your body and soul if you want to succeed.

The Queen did just that – as well as carrying out her myriad royal duties.

From the moment she inherited the Royal Studs at Sandringham in 1952, it was her labour of love.

She became hooked on the idea of breeding world-class racehorses as a 16-year-old when she visited King George's Derby hopeful Big Game at trainer Fred Darling's yard. She spent time stroking the horses, recalling their 'satin softness', and attended the wartime Derby at Newmarket in 1944 still dressed in her army uniform.

Racing was in her blood, and she wasted no time in establishing herself as a powerhouse with one of the last horses her dad bred before he died.

Aureole finished second in the 1953 Derby and went on to win a number of big races the following year.

After his career was

over he made a name for himself as a top stallion.

He sired Arc and Derby winners and was the horse who kick-started a golden era in racing for the Queen.

Just a few years later, her home-bred Carrozza won the Oaks under Lester Piggott.

The crowd crammed in like sardines to catch a glimpse of Her Majesty leading the horse back in herself.

Her star miler Pall Mall won the 2,000 Guineas and the Lockinge while wonder mare Dunfermline won the Oaks and the St Leger.

As satisfying as those home-bred successes must have been, her greatest day as an owner came in 2013 when the brilliant Estimate won the Gold Cup.

Those post-race scenes will live long in the memory.

Her passion for breeding never dimmed and she is believed to have said, in another life, she would have happily lived in the country surrounded by horses and dogs.

She had a wealth of know-

ledge and many have described how she could recite the bloodlines and pedigrees of each of the horses born and raised at Sandringham by heart.

Some of the most talented royal pedigrees are still going strong today. Take Reach For The Moon, for example.

John Gosden's classy three-year-old is descended from a top filly called Amicable, a star for the Queen in the 1950s and the matriarch of an incredible line of horses.

Every horse bred at Sandringham has deep, blue-blooded roots, and those royal lines will live on for decades.

That begs the question, what will happen to the Royal Studs and the horses who live there?

There is no doubt the Queen will have made plans long ago about what would happen.

Right now there are a band of beautifully-bred mares at Sandringham who are in-foal with the final crop of horses bred by the Queen.

And there are many yearlings who will begin heading off to the Queen's various racehorse trainers at the end of the year.

Nobody knows exactly what will happen with the racing and breeding operation.

All will become clear in the coming days.

But the stud has been a part of the royal family for almost 150 years – life there will go on.

With a bit of luck, maybe one of the royal babies will grow up to land that longed-for Derby victory.

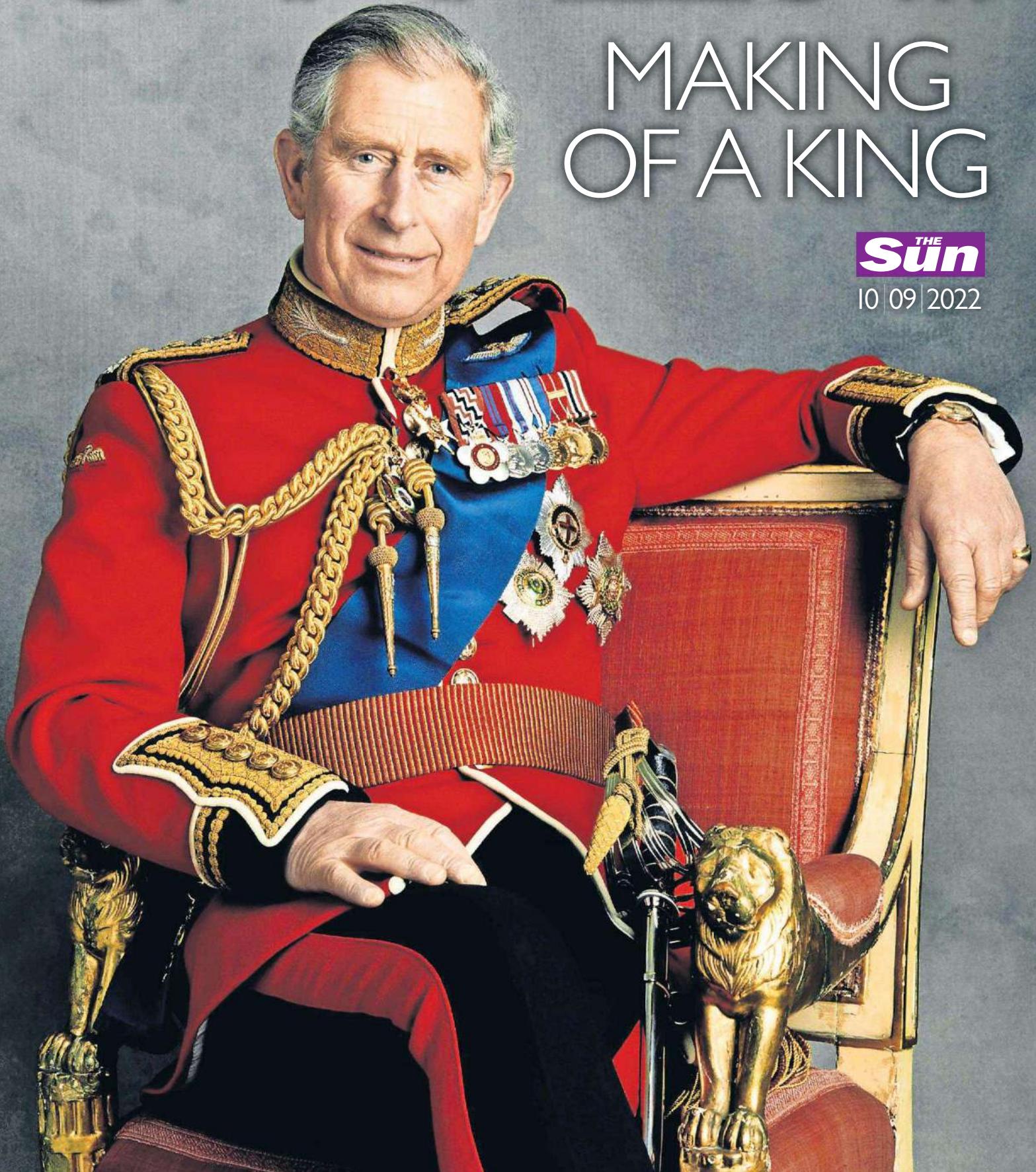


LABOUR OF LOVE
... the Queen at royal stud

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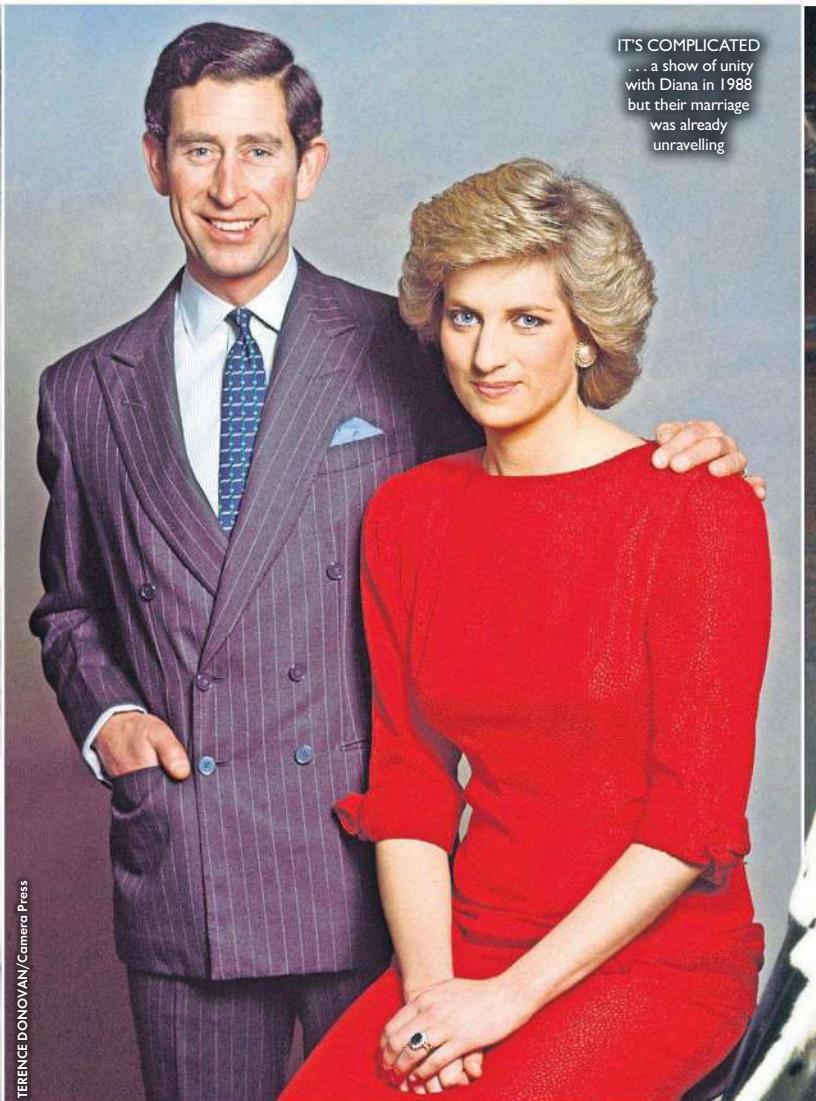
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CHARLES III

THE MAKING OF A KING



CECIL BEATON

SON AND HEIR
... Charles at five weeks, with his mother looking onIT'S COMPLICATED
... a show of unity with Diana in 1988 but their marriage was already unravelling**H**ISTORY, I believe, will be kind to King Charles III.

No doubt his reign will be short, maybe one of the shortest ever.

As a result, his time on the throne will

not be a remarkable one, in historical terms.

That said, his contribution to the world during his entire lifetime certainly has been remarkable.

His legacy, whether as Prince or as King, will probably be that of a regal philosopher, a courageous man prepared to take risks – and even be ridiculed – for what he sees as the greater good.

Charles's life has soared since his uncertain youth, the harrowing years of his marriage to Diana and the disaster of her tragic death. He finally found peace with Camilla, his life soulmate.

Already a workaholic – devoted for years to causes close to his heart – the Prince took on more and more state-related duties in 14-hour work days towards the end of the Queen's reign.

He stepped in for her more and more often, particularly after her last long-haul flight in 2011.

His was a "Shadow King", taking on most of the heavy lifting for the monarchy at home and abroad.

His unselfish and unflinching advocacy for world peace and global sustainability – so important to him as heir – will continue during his reign.

King Charles will not shrink from the big issues of the day. A constitutional monarch means a sovereign who reigns but does not rule – but there is nothing to prevent them from leading.

Charles will never break constitutional rules but, for him, leadership is pre-eminent. He is not a follower.

He is a good listener who takes enormous

ROBERT JOBSON

INSPIRING...
Charles speaks at COP26 summit in Glasgow

trouble to be on top of global affairs, different cultures and religion.

But the key to his leadership qualities is summed up by a former senior member of the royal household: "He knows he has a unique ability as somebody who can convene important people who would not otherwise sit in a room together."

He is, if you like, the ultimate chairman of the board.

An example of this was his leading role knocking heads together at 2015's UN Conference on Climate Change in Paris.

Then there have been his tours of the Middle East and Gulf states, regions the Foreign Office repeatedly asks him to visit. His great understanding of those countries has earned him the respect of leaders there – perhaps more respect than they have for any other member of British royalty.

Charles's interventions on climate change, inner-city deprivation, architecture, alternative medicine and organic farming have intentionally strayed into what could be deemed the party political.

His critics believe he has sailed too close to the wind.

But he has never intervened in a partisan way and has always acted within his constitutional remit.

Asked in 2018 by documentary maker John Bridcut whether as King he could continue to use his "convening power" to gather experts together to make progress on chosen issues, the Prince said: "Well, you never know, but you

could only do it with the agreement of ministers. That's how it works."

Charles's great strength has always been to bring people together and address the biggest questions without making it feel like he is trying to force his message home.

As King, this will continue, but only once he has cleared it with the Government.

Charles dismissed as "complete nonsense" suggestions that his public campaigning would continue after he took the throne.

Told by Bridcut that "some people" had accused him of "meddling", the Prince laughed before replying drily: "Really? You don't say!"

He continued: "I always wonder what meddling is. I mean, I always thought it was motivating, but I've always been intrigued – if it's meddling to worry about the inner cities as I did 40 years ago and what was happening or not happening there, the conditions in which people were living. If that's meddling, I'm very proud of it."

The Queen showed it is perfectly constitutionally legal for the monarch to encourage global co-operation on issues such as climate change with her address to the COP26 summit in Glasgow in 2021.

The new King will continue in that vein. But on the environment, Charles's place in history is already assured.

For decades, inspired no doubt by his father's thinking, he has been at the vanguard of efforts to make world leaders – and, indeed, all of us – think more deeply about how we are treating our planet and to realise our lifestyles must change.

As he would say: "Right action cannot happen without right thinking."

NOV 14, 1948

Charles Philip Arthur George born in Buckingham Palace at 9:14pm after 30-hour labour. Breaking with tradition, the Home Secretary was not in an adjoining room to witness the birth of the heir.

DEC 15

Charles is christened by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He wore the Honiton lace gown created for Queen Victoria's children and was baptised with water from the River Jordan.

AUG 15, 1950

Younger sister, Princess Anne, born. She is now 17th in line to the throne.

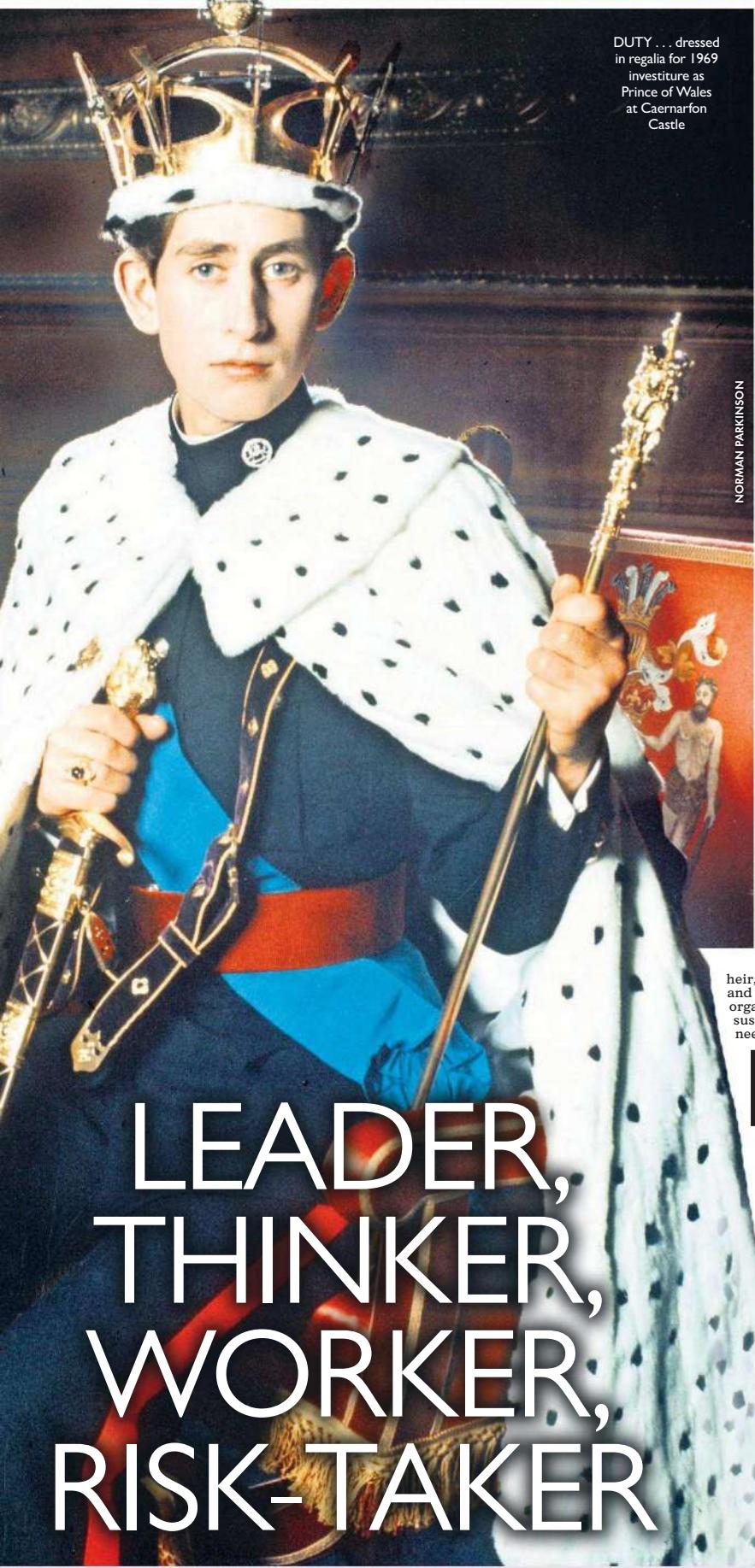
FEB 6, 1952

Following the death of his grandfather, George VI, Charles becomes heir to the throne at the age of three when his mother becomes Queen.

NOV

When 14 children were invited to Charles's fourth birthday at Buckingham Palace, the Band of the Grenadier Guards played his favourite song, The Teddy Bears' Picnic, in the forecourt below.

HOW HE WILL REIGN...AND SHINE



DUTY ... dressed in regalia for 1969 investiture as Prince of Wales at Caernarfon Castle

NORMAN PARKINSON



HAPPINESS ... with Camilla on his way to Buckingham Palace for his 70th birthday celebrations

CHRIS JACKSON/Clarence House

LEADER, THINKER, WORKER, RISK-TAKER

JUN 2, 1953

Charles attends his mother's coronation at Westminster Abbey, seated between his widowed grandmother, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, and his aunt, Princess Margaret.

NOV

Queen and husband Philip set off for her longest-ever tour of Commonwealth, leaving Charles and Anne behind.

MAY, 1954

When the royal couple return from their tour, they greet their children with handshakes. Elizabeth said: "I don't think they really knew who we were."

NOV 7, 1956

Charles begins Hill House prep school in Knightsbridge, central London – the first royal heir ever to attend school. Previously, he had been taught at home by a governess.

OCT 1957

Becomes a boarder at Cheam prep school, Berks. In July 1958, he discovers the Queen has made him Prince of Wales while watching the announcement on TV with fellow pupils.

HE HAS encouraged a more balanced approach to business and health-care and a more benign, holistic approach to science and technology.

It put him in the firing line and he faced widespread criticism for daring to challenge the current orthodoxy.

Charles has continually stressed that all areas are inter-related and we must see what he often calls "the big picture" to appreciate the problems that humanity faces.

Some have called him elitist, but he is certainly not.

He has a wide-ranging love of the arts, from Shakespeare to JK Rowling, from the poetry of Dylan Thomas to the humour of The Goons.

Musically, his favourites stretch from Bach and Jerusalem composer Hubert Parry all the way to Leonard Cohen.

He is also enthusiastic about painting, with a particular keenness for the work of 18th Century

master Johan Zoffany, best known for his revolutionarily informal portraits of Charles's ancestors George III and Queen Charlotte.

And his passion for classical architecture is well known, with Sir Christopher Wren his great hero.

He has also championed contemporary architect Quinlan Terry, whose designs include Queen Mother Square in Charles's pet project, the new town of Poundbury, Dorset.

Such enthusiasms will likely light up a new age for the arts under the King.

He has also hinted in the past he would like to put more of the Royal Collection of artworks on public display.

Revealing the largest private art collection in the world would be a dazzling gift to the country.

Another part of his legacy will be his determination to pass on a healthy throne to his eldest son William.

And this inheritance will include a new, streamlined Royal Family. Charles has always thought a small core of royals is better than a balcony full of cousins.

That kind of crowd, in his opinion, gave the impression of excess.

Under King Charles III, the focus will be on "working royals", with the spotlight on William, Catherine and their three children.

The American branch of his family – the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and their children Archie and Lilibet – is unlikely to receive Harry and Meghan have made it clear they want to go their own way.

Charles has always been a deep-thinking man who has used his position of privilege to try to make the world a better place, to work for the greater good.

He is not an intellectual, but is a sage, spiritual man, not cynical but intuitive and instinctive. He is sentimental, too, and perhaps a little over-emotional at times, but he is somebody who cares very deeply.

With our new King, we are blessed to have a monarch of high intelligence, passion and drive. And as history shows, that has not always been the case.

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CHARLES III

THE MAKING OF A KING

QUEEN Elizabeth II made monarchists of us all – but can King Charles III do the same?

How very strange the sound of those words – God save the King!

For the vast majority of the British people – everyone under the age of 70 – Queen Elizabeth II was the only head of state we had ever known.

And she was infinitely more than the longest-reigning monarch in our history. She was the most loved.

King Charles III has waited longer for the crown than any monarch in our history.

And Charles drags the baggage of his own long lifetime to the throne.

When the Queen ascended, she was just 25 years old – a fresh-faced young wife and mother with two children under the age of five, the embodiment of youthful optimism in a country so recently ravaged by war.

But King Charles III eases his aching bones on to the throne at the age of 73, a grandfather of five.

A beloved queen who we all grew up with has been replaced by an elderly king who provokes mixed feelings.

Last month marked 25 years since Princess Diana's tragic death, and memories of those lurid 20th Century scandals are fading. But there are still a number of our new King's

TONY PARSONS

subjects who will never forgive him for not considering his first wife the love of his life.

How heavy the crown must weigh when it takes so long to arrive. His coronation comes when most of his life is over. But in a lifetime of waiting to fulfil the destiny he was born for, Charles has undeniably kept himself busy.

He is easily the hardest-working royal, the patron or president of more than 400 charities. As his parents aged, he took on more royal duties.

The day after his 65th birthday in 2013, he represented the Queen at the biennial meeting of Commonwealth leaders in Sri Lanka because his mother was 87 and wanted to give up long-haul flying.

In 2017 he moved even closer to the front line when his father, Prince Philip, retired from public life at the age of 96, barking that he had "done his bit."

In 2019, the year before Covid struck, Charles took on 550 official engagements.

The Prince's Trust – founded by Charles in 1976 to help vulnerable young people get

their lives on track – has touched and changed more than a million lives.

"When I was about 18 years old, I had the wonderful experience of auditioning for The Prince's Trust," actor Idris Elba has said. "I was awarded £1,500 by The Prince's Trust that gave me my start and my career."

Charles has spent half a century doing good works and literally changing lives.

So why isn't he more loved?

Because that glossy Netflix image sticks in the collective consciousness – the aloof, adulterous twit of the year portrayed in The Crown, the entitled toff who loved his mistress but not his wife Diana, mother of his children, a woman who was adored by millions.

But it is not simply the florid distortions of the television screen that have created this image of Charles. Sometimes he has done himself few favours. Watch the engagement announcement of the Prince of Wales to Lady

Diana Spencer in 1981 on YouTube. It still has the power to make you cringe. The notion that we would be a happier, healthier country without a hereditary monarchy was never seriously discussed during Queen Elizabeth's historic reign. You suspect it will be now.

For the UK is different now from when the Queen was crowned in

1953 – less deferential, less cohesive, less certain of its place in the world.

Charles is a decent man born into unimaginable luxury who undeniably cares about this country and the wider world.

But is that enough to save the monarchy?

The indisputable fact about the Queen was that she devoted her life to serving this country. It would be unfair to say that Charles has spent a lifetime doing what he likes and yet there is no doubt that a lifetime of waiting to inherit the crown has allowed him the freedom to go his own way, forge his own course, pursue his own passions, and define what it means to be the man born to be king.

Born in November 1948, he was the perfect age to be a child of the Sixties.

Yet, while the nation swung with sex, drugs and rock and roll, Charles always seemed curiously old-fashioned and out of time. Perhaps it was the haircut.

But many of the great issues of today – climate change, environmentalism, conservation – have been his passions for decades.

Charles was woke when the rest of the world was still dozing in front of their coal fires.

His belief in alternative medicine and homeopathy has aged less well, and contributed to the image of the dreamy eccentric having a chat with his potted plants.

Depending on your perspective, his loudly voiced loathing of modern architecture has made him look like a defender of timeless values, or a woefully out-of-touch toff. The



TODDLER... held aloft by Elizabeth and Philip in 1951

YOUSUF KARSH/Camera Press



TRADITION... on annual coot shoot in Hickling, Norfolk in 1959

GLAMOUR... Charles and Diana's first public appearance in 1981 at a charity do in London



DISTANT... troubles evident at welcoming ceremony on 1991 Canada tour

PASSION... among flowers at Chelsea Flower Show in 2008

STRANGE TO SAY, BUT: 'GOD SAVE THE KING!'

APR, 1962

Aged 13, Charles is sent to his father's old school Gordonstoun, Moray. He later described it as "a prison sentence" and "Colditz in kilts".

APR, 1965

Confirmed in Anglican church by Archbishop of Canterbury Michael Ramsey at Easter, in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, aged 16.

FEB, 1966

Begins two terms at Geelong Grammar School, Australia. He later spoke of his "fond memories" of being called a "Pommy bastard" and 70-mile hikes.

AUG

Returns to Gordonstoun where he is appointed School Guardian (head boy). He leaves with five O-levels and two A-levels, a B in history and a C in French.

NOV 14

On his 18th birthday, Charles is named Counsellor of State, with the power to act on the Queen's behalf if she is incapacitated. Like his Prince of Wales elevation nine years earlier, he learns of it from the TV news.

WHAT WILL HE MAKE OF THE JOB?

Queen spoke at length about her oldest child when she proposed the toast at his 70th birthday celebrations at Buckingham Palace in 2018.

"It is a privilege for any mother to be able to propose a toast to her son on his 70th birthday," the Queen said. "It means you have lived long enough to see your child grow up."

"It is rather like – to use an analogy I am certain will find favour – planting a tree and being able to watch it grow."

THERE were jokes in the Queen's speech, but it was also serious, sincere and steeped in a mother's love for her oldest son.

"Sustained by his wife Camilla, he is his own man, passionate and creative," the Queen said. "So this toast is to wish a happy birthday to my son, in every respect a Duchy Original."

The Queen, as always, made every word count, and every word ring true.

And she was right – Charles is his own man in the way that the Queen could never be her own woman, after ascending to the throne so young.

Charles has enjoyed a life of unimaginable privilege – he got into Cambridge University with terrible A-level results – and yet often sounds as though he feels misunderstood.

"Perhaps I should not have been surprised that so many people failed to fathom what I

was doing," Charles wrote in his 2010 book *Harmony*.

"So many appeared to think, or were told, that I was merely leaping from one subject to another – from architecture one minute to agriculture the next – as if I spent a morning saving the rainforests, then in the afternoon jumping to help young people start new businesses."

There were only 22 years between Charles and his mother. But the gulf between parents who experienced World War Two and children who were young in the Sixties and Seventies is the greatest generation gap in history.

The Queen's generation were hardened by sacrifice, stoicism and duty. Charles's post-war baby boomers believed in self-expression.

He has a real sense of humour but it is matched by the sense of self-importance that is perhaps to be expected when you are born to be king.

The Queen spent 96 years keeping her innermost thoughts, feelings and opinions to herself. Charles has spent a lifetime sharing them.

He maintains that it will all be different when he wears the crown. In the BBC documentary to mark his 70th birthday, Prince, Son And Heir: Charles At 70, he said he did not expect ruling as king to be anything like his outspoken life as Prince of Wales.

"I'm not that stupid," he said. "I do realise that it is a separate exercise being sovereign."

"The idea that I am going to go on in the same way is complete nonsense." He can be

touchy and self-obsessed but Charles has his mother's genius for diplomacy.

He has been at his best as envoy and globetrotting ambassador for this country. On a visit to Belfast in 2015, he shook hands with the former IRA commander Martin McGuinness and republican leader Gerry Adams, who once justified the IRA's murder of Charles's beloved godfather, Lord Mountbatten.

In 2018, he charmed Donald Trump on his state visit to the UK.

In Berlin in 2019, Charles gave a brilliant conciliatory speech – partly in German – that was heartfelt, warm and positive about the bond between Britain and Germany without ever mentioning the war or Brexit.

He has a great capacity for kindness and compassion. When Prince Harry wed Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle in 2018, Charles went out of his way to make the bride's mother, Doria Ragland – the only one of Meghan's relations to attend the wedding – feel like a cherished part of the family.

Charles took Doria's hand when they left the chapel to witness the signing of the marriage register, and when they emerged from the service, Camilla was on one of Charles's arms and Doria was on the other.

It was a moment of real empathy from a man who knows what hell family life can be.

He had a famously prickly relationship with his famously prickly father.

His relationship with his youngest son is

fraught with bitterness on both sides. But it is Charles's relationship with his late first wife that defines him in the minds of millions.

As their marriage ended, Charles's approval ratings sunk lower than a corgi's tail.

Diana's death caused an unprecedented outpouring of public mourning that could have swept Prince Charles – and the monarchy – away on a tide of sorrow and rage.

But rehabilitation began on the day of Diana's funeral, when Charles walked behind the coffin with those two heartbroken boys, his face unmistakably etched with real grief.

He has been married to Camilla since 2005. There was a time when his relationship to Camilla was seen as an impediment to Charles ascending. But not any more.

Camilla, with her gentle sense of humour, her common touch and her unconditional loyalty, is now his greatest asset.

Yet there are still those who believe that the throne should have passed directly from our late Queen to her dutiful grandson, William, and his wildly popular wife, Kate.

But the idea of Charles stepping away from his place in history – after waiting for more than 70 years – was a fantasy.

Charles is King.

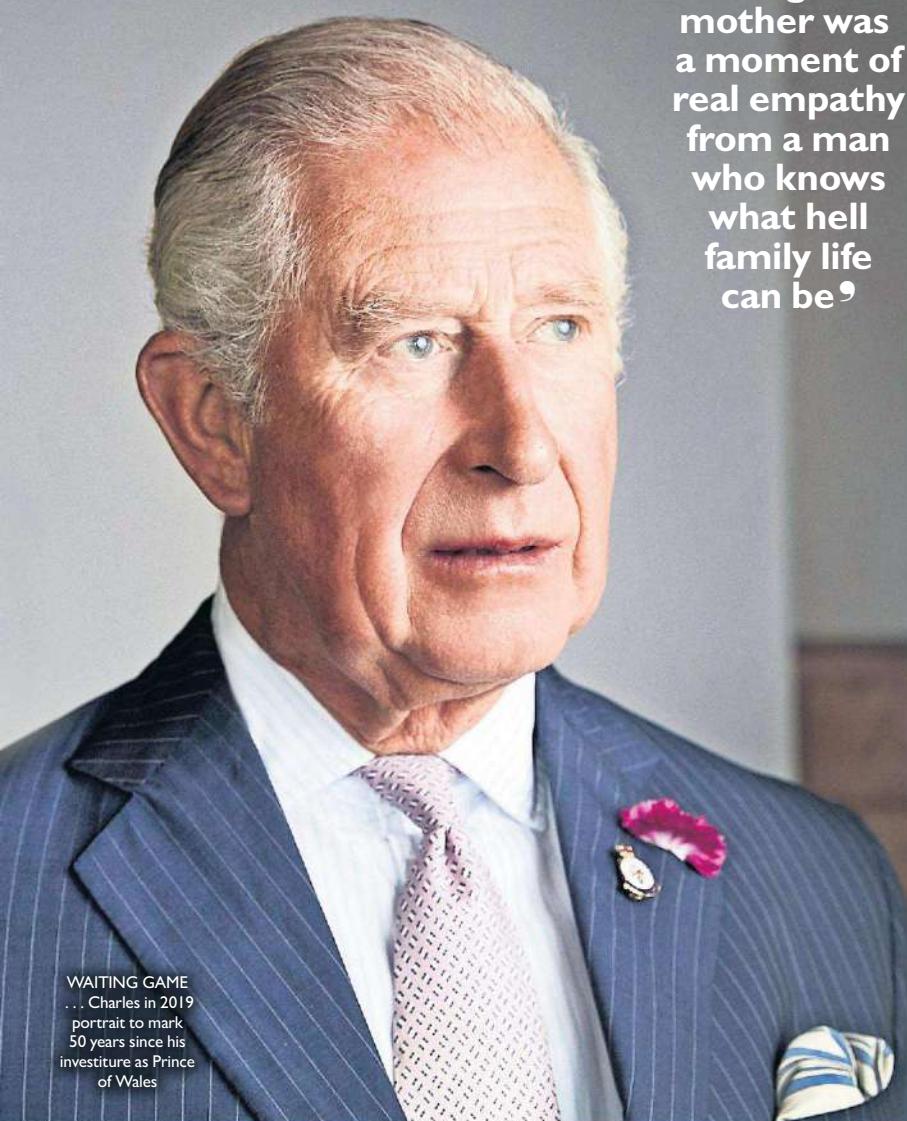
The glorious triumph of Queen Elizabeth II's long reign is that it made the crown seem unassailable.

Even the most committed of royalists can be forgiven for asking: Can King Charles III really do the same?

'His kindness to Meghan's mother was a moment of real empathy from a man who knows what hell family life can be'



CHRIS JACKSON/Clarence House via Getty Images



WAITING GAME
... Charles in 2019
portrait to mark
50 years since his
investiture as Prince
of Wales

OCT 8, 1967

Becomes first heir to go to university, attending Trinity College, Cambridge. He will graduate with a 2:2 degree in history, archaeology and anthropology.

1968

Aged 19, the Prince has first serious romance, with Lucia Santa Cruz, daughter of Chilean Ambassador. Their relationship lasts two years but they remain friends. She is invited to his wedding to Camilla.

JULY 1, 1969

Invested as Prince of Wales at a ceremony at Caernarfon Castle, nine years after title announced.

MAR 8, 1971

Flies himself to the Royal Air Force College Cranwell, Lincs, to train as a jet pilot.

JUN, 1971

Aged 22, Charles meets Camilla Shand, 24, at a polo match. Camilla reportedly told him: "My great-grandmother was the mistress of your great-great-grandfather. I feel we have something in common." They subsequently begin dating.

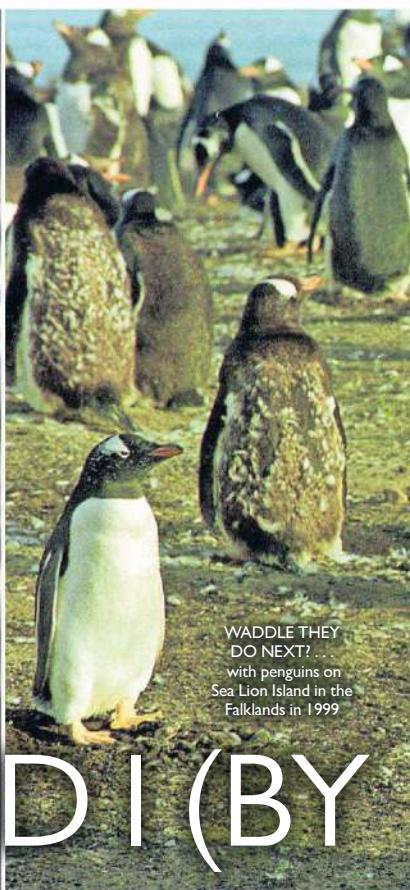


CHARLES III

THE MAKING OF A KING



SMACKER...
from Diana after
a polo match in
Windsor, 1985



WADDLE THEY
DO NEXT?...
with penguins on
Sea Lion Island in the
Falklands in 1999

B EING a member of the Royal Family is an accident of birth.

But the man we now call King Charles has done such a brilliant job of showing that with a life of privilege comes an awful lot of duty.

He could easily have spent his time playing backgammon, drinking champagne, smoking cigars and going to all the London shows.

But he is not that sort of a man.

He has used the influence and power of his position for the benefit of others. Never for himself.

As Prince of Wales he raised hundreds of millions of pounds and each year gives millions to charity.

Of course he is enormously wealthy but you'd never know it. True, he has smart suits and shoes, but some of them are 40 years old – he just has them repaired and repaired.

Once we were visiting the Doctor Who set in Cardiff and I noticed the pocket on his suit looked like it had been stitched up by Frankenstein. Charles didn't care but, of course, his tailor



ARTHUR EDWARDS
The Sun's Royal Photographer,
who took all of these pictures

pilloried – but he does not complain. I remember once he made a film where whenever he planted a tree, he gave it a little shake and said: "Good luck, tree."

He was shown the film before broadcast and everyone advised him to have that bit cut out, but he said: "No, it is true – a plant is a living thing, isn't it?"

He does not say one thing and do another, unlike some politicians we know.

Charles has been banging on about the environment from the very early days.

Even before he had children he has wanted to save the planet – and it was not just talk.

He visited places to raise awareness. I remember flying in a light plane to a rainforest in Cameroon, where he clambered across a rope bridge that made a really nice picture.

Back then I did not know where Cameroon was, let alone that it had a rainforest.

In Indonesia, where the rainforest had been dug up and replaced with palm oil trees, he started a reforestation project.

I have been with him to Brazil's rainforest three times and saw him in Brasilia pleading with the president to stop destroying the precious trees.

Similarly, he has been campaigning about

plastic in the sea for years. When I see these Johnny-come-lately politicians now climbing on the environmental bandwagon I think a man has been going on about it for 40 years.

He sometimes gets very frustrated. I have been in places where he has almost been pleading with people to change their attitude to the climate.

Now he is King, all that stops because he can no longer be involved in politics.

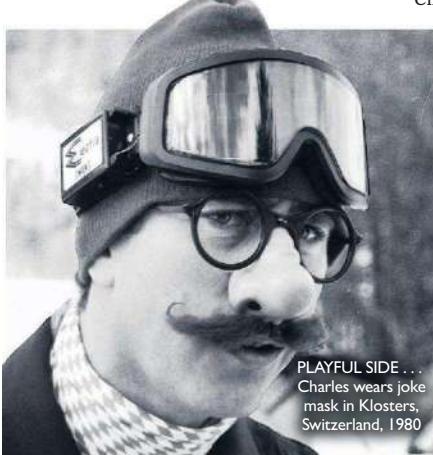
When he looks back on what he has done as Prince of Wales, he can be very proud.

He got people thinking and gained massive coverage for it.

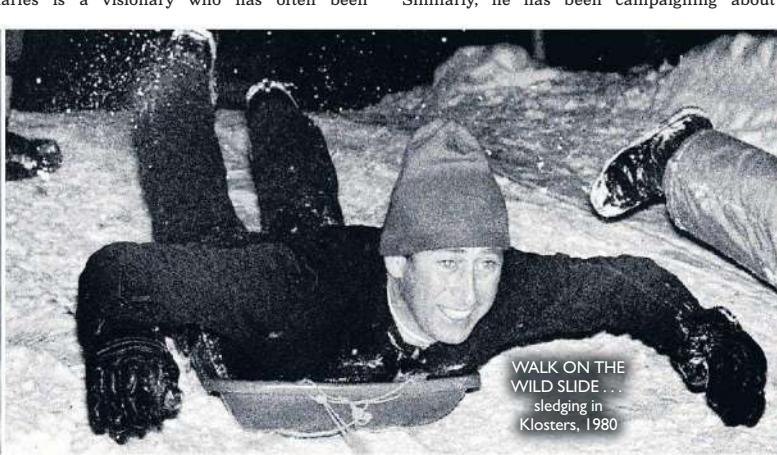
Because of him, over the years we carried many articles in The Sun about saving trees.

In my view, Netflix drama The Crown and recent TV biographies got Charles wrong.

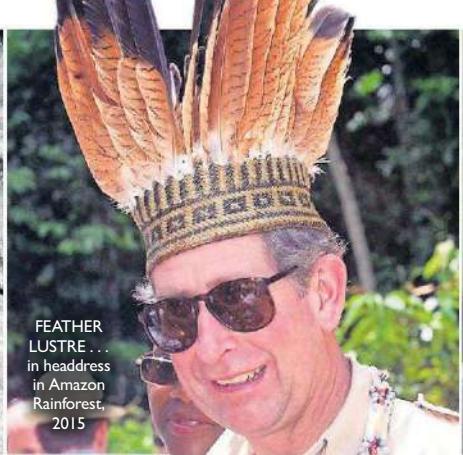
They portrayed him as the man who was awful to Diana. Not true. Who never loved Diana. Not true. Who was a cold father. Completely untrue. But you never hear him complain. He just says: "History will



PLAYFUL SIDE...
Charles wears joke
mask in Klosters,
Switzerland, 1980



WALK ON THE
WILD SLIDE...
sledding in
Klosters, 1980



FEATHER
LUSTRE...
in headdress
in Amazon
Rainforest,
2015

SEP 16, 1971

Enrolls in six-week course at the Royal Naval College Dartmouth. Goes on to serve on guided-missile destroyer HMS Norfolk and frigates HMS Minerva and HMS Jupiter between 1971 and 1974.

JUL 4, 1973

Camilla, 25, marries Andrew Parker Bowles, 33. They go on to have two children, Tom and Laura. Charles became Tom's godfather.

FEB 14, 1974

On Valentine's Day: Charles's mentor Lord Mountbatten tells him: "In a case like yours, the man should sow his wild oats and have as many affairs as he can before settling down."

SEP

Prince trains as a helicopter pilot at the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton, Somerset, before joining 845 Squadron.

FEB 9, 1976

Charles takes command of coastal minehunter HMS Bronington for his last ten months of active service. He meets and dates Janet Jenkins, a receptionist at the British consulate in Montreal.

SUN ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHER'S VERDICT

OUR KING ARTHUR)



DAZZLING...
with Camilla at Commonwealth Heads of Government dinner, Malta, 2015

judge me". Like his mother, Charles is very spiritual. He goes to church, he cares.

He believes in God. He will be Defender of the Faith, the faith that Henry VIII created, but he is very well versed in Catholicism as well as Islam and Sikhism.

I remember him praying in a Sikh temple in India and, during Ramadan, feasting with Muslims at sundown. He embraces every religion and culture.

I have seen him in the rainforest dancing with the indigenous population there.

On a walkabout in Regina, Saskatchewan in Canada, the Prince danced in the street with a First Nation chief.

He cares about downtrodden people and he is incredibly kind – even to the photographers who cover his engagements.

Up at Sandringham once, I was taking pictures of then MP Nicholas Soames, one of his shooting party guests, when the Prince of Wales started screaming at me hysterically.

I queried: "Mr Windsor?"

He hit back: "You are disturbing..." I said:

"Look, there's an MP shooting in that field and I'm photographing him. I'm not chasing your wife round Harrods now, am I? I'm trying to do a job here."

He suddenly calmed down, put his arm round me and said: "You know, we must have these talks more often."

On the eve of his 50th birthday in November 1998, Charles was in the Sheffield Jobcentre where they filmed 1997 British comedy *The Full Monty*.

Hugo Speer, who appeared in the film, taught the Prince and some of the Press pack the moves for the cast's dance to Donna Summer's *Hot Stuff* in the movie.

Prince Charles got in line and we all had great fun.

We then gave him a birthday present. It was a big garden gnome in the shape of a paparazzi cameraman, complete with a long lens and Press ticket in his hat.

We took a picture of him with it and he invited us all to Highgrove with our partners for tea and to spot the gnome in his garden.

He did not have to do that. And in 2018, when he turned 70, he celebrated his birthday with 70 Sun readers who were the same age as him. With Camilla,

the Duchess of Cornwall, at his side, he made a very generous speech about our readers and made some reference to me as well, which was nice.

I covered the couple's wedding in 2005 and thought at the time it would be difficult for Camilla, but she has just slotted in perfectly.

She is now much loved, certainly by me.

To many of the Press who cover the Royal Family, she has become a favourite because she knows we have got a job to do and helps all she can.

When I first started taking Prince Charles's picture for The Sun in the mid-1970s, I was delighted to see my photos published of him pulling faces after falling off his polo pony. Some of those photos were not very pleasant.

Then, over the years, I began watching how he behaved and listening closely to his speeches. He converted me to thinking about the future of our planet.

Because of him, I don't eat a lot of meat, I have solar panels on the roof of my home, and I drive a hybrid car, which I will switch to fully electric when charging gets up to speed. No one knows how

much time he will have on the throne but if he lives as long as his mother, it could be 20 years.

What I do know is that he will carry on working, never stopping to continue what his mother achieved in her lifetime, which was to make every one of her subjects feel that little bit more secure.

King Charles III will make the royals more accessible to the public.

He will obviously slim down the Royal Family, make it more efficient.

I am told he will turn Buckingham Palace into a 365-days-a-year tourist venue where he will probably have an office but move to smaller quarters.

He says he is going to take less from the taxpayer, relying more on the farms of the Duchy of Lancaster to finance the royals.

With Charles, the Royal Family is in a very good position. We have got an excellent King – a man who cares about the people and who cares about duty more than anything.

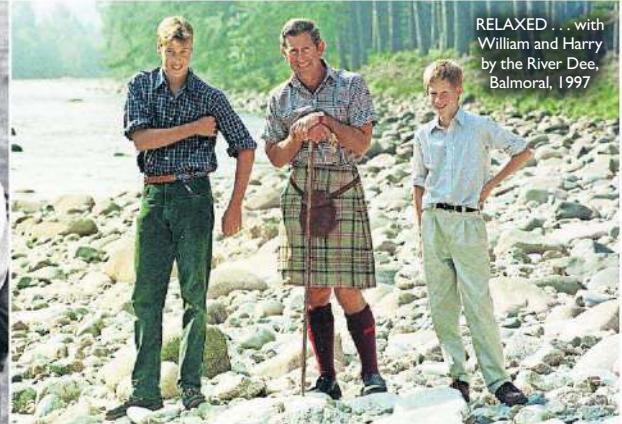
I have been promised a seat at his Coronation and it will be the greatest honour to be there in Westminster Abbey to see the man I have known for 40 years crowned our King.



TENSE... Charles and Diana look in opposite directions at a Korean War commemorative service, Seoul, 1992



ADVENTURE... on trek in Nepal in 1980



RELAXED... with William and Harry by the River Dee, Balmoral, 1997

DEC

Charles leaves Navy and uses his military pension of £7,000 to found The Prince's Trust charity.

NOV, 1977

Charles, 29, meets Lady Diana Spencer, 16, for first time at Althorp House, her family estate in Northants. Charles was dating Diana's sister Sarah at the time. Diana remembered Charles being "charm himself".

FEB, 1978

Charles and Lady Sarah Spencer enjoy a ski weekend in Klosters, Switzerland. She is said to have told a journalist she wouldn't marry Charles, "if he were the dustman or the King of England." The relationship soon fizzled out.

NOV

Sarah and Diana attend Charles's 30th birthday dance at Buckingham Palace, which features a performance by The Three Degrees.

AUG 27, 1979

Lord Mountbatten assassinated by an IRA bomb hidden on his boat *Shadow V* at Mullaghmore harbour in Ireland. Charles is left distraught.

CHARLES III

THE MAKING OF A KING

AMID a jaunty trumpet fanfare, the black and white Pathé News film announced "A prince is born" over atmospheric shots of Buckingham Palace.

It was a grey November 15, 1948, and in clipped, aristocratic tones, the announcer told how "His Royal Highness, the baby" had come into this world at 9.14pm the previous day.

In Hyde Park the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery fired a salute to the infant Prince and Westminster Abbey's bells rang joyfully.

Soon the third in line to the throne would be christened Charles Philip Arthur George.

The sprinkling of royal glitter in a Britain still under the dark cloud of war rationing and austerity was a boost the country needed.

Charles's grandfather George VI, who sat on the throne, had been a symbol of Britain's determination to defeat Nazi Germany.

The King had been born in the 19th Century and now a new generation of royalty was ready to drag the monarchy towards the 21st.

Charles's parents, Elizabeth and Philip, were the fresh young faces of the House of Windsor.

They had married on November 20, 1947, at Westminster Abbey, a year before Charles's birth. She was just 21, he 26.

Elizabeth had looked forward to motherhood, saying: "After all, it's what we're made for."

Charles was born by Caesarean section. To occupy himself, a nervous Philip played a game of squash with equerry Michael Parker as he waited, then swam in the Buckingham Palace pool.

Philip had begun to dry himself off when an excited footman rushed in with the news that Elizabeth had given birth.

Hair still wet, Philip presented the Princess with a bouquet of roses and carnations that his equerry had made sure were on hand.

Elizabeth was struck by her baby's hands, writing: "They are rather large, but fine with long fingers – quite unlike mine and certainly unlike his father's. It will be interesting to see what they will become."

Typically blunt, Philip said his newborn son reminded him of a "plum pudding".

For the first few weeks of his life Charles was breastfed by Elizabeth. His first months were spent in a wicker basket in a nursery next to his mother's bedroom.

Then the traditions of royal life took hold. Infant Charles was placed in the doting care of nanny Helen Lightbody – who Charles called Nana – and nursery maid Mabel Anderson, known as Mispy. And so began a childhood in which the infant Prince often seemed like a bystander in his parents' busy lives.

Every morning at nine he was taken to see his mother. In the evenings – engagements permitting – she would join him for bath-time, where he loved playing with his rubber ducks and toy submarine.

It was a buttoned-up world with little in the way of physical affection from his parents.

A sweet-natured boy, Charles did not remember his mother kissing him after he turned eight years old.

He was said to have told a girlfriend that Nana had meant more to him emotionally than his own mother.

That distance only increased when Elizabeth was crowned Queen in 1953.

Godfrey Talbot, BBC court correspondent at the time, said: "She had been trained since the cradle by her father that duty always came before everything, including her family.

"She reluctantly had to abandon her family and they virtually didn't see their parents for months on end. It was very upsetting and bewildering for a little boy.

As heir to the throne, Charles's life was also a gilded one.

As the monarch's eldest son, he automatically took the titles Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles and Prince and Great Steward of Scotland.

When 14 children were invited to his fourth birthday party in the white and gold music room at Buckingham Palace, the Band of the Grenadier Guards played



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his favourite song, The Teddy Bears' Picnic, in the forecourt below.

Prince Philip once admitted: "However hard you try, it's almost impossible to bring them up as ordinary children."

In November 1953 the new Queen and her husband set off for her longest ever tour of Commonwealth nations, leaving Charles and his baby sister Anne, born in 1950, behind.

When they returned in May 1954, the Queen said her children, "were terribly polite. I don't think they really knew who we were".

Prone to chest complaints, with knock knees and flat feet, Charles was not a sporty child. Yet he was thoughtful and good-natured.

His blunt father's way of teaching his son to swim was to jump into the Palace pool and order his terrified son to follow him in.

Eileen Parker, wife of royal Equerry Michael, remembered: "Philip tolerated Charles but I don't think he was a loving father. He would pick up Charles, but his manner was odd. "He had more fun with Anne. I think Charles was frightened of him."

The boy would often turn to his beloved granny – the Queen Mother – for comfort.

She remembered her grandson as, "a very gentle boy with a very kind heart, which I think is the essence of everything".

On the Queen Mother's 80th birthday, Charles said: "Ever since I can remember, my grandmother has been the most wonderful example of fun, laughter, infinite security and, above all else, exquisite taste."

Elizabeth and Philip resolved to modernise the monarchy and, in turn, Charles would be a 20th Century heir. As Prince Philip explained: "If you are really going to have a monarchy, you have got to have a family, and the family has got to be in the public eye."

Charles would become the first monarch in history not to be schooled behind palace walls.

He first went to Hill House pre-prep school in Knightsbridge, close to Buckingham Palace.

THEN he followed in his father's footsteps, attending Cheam School, Berks, and the stark Gordonstoun in Morayshire.

About his education, Philip told his son: "Look, I'm only going to bother you if you're permanently bottom. I really couldn't care less where you are. Just stay in the middle, that's all I ask."

Apart from maths – where he was usually near the bottom – he would remain around the middle for the rest of his school days.

His first few days as a boarder at Cheam were among the most miserable of his life. Princess Anne recalled: "He would write to Mispy every day. He was heartbroken. He used to cry into his letters and say, 'I miss you'."

While at Cheam, Charles watched the Queen announce on TV that she was going to make him Prince of Wales. He later recalled: "I think for a little boy of nine it was rather bewildering. All the others turned and looked at me in amazement."

Charles was shy and did not make friends easily. Gordonstoun was then infamous for its spartan regime, described by its pupils as "Colditz in kilts".

Charles would say of it: "I hated the institution, just as I hated leaving home."

He added: "I had a dream that I was going to escape and hide in the forest, in a place where no one could find me, so I wouldn't have to go back to school."

No glittering scholar, he did excel at music, art and drama. A newspaper column predicting that the "Action Man" prince would make the rugby first XV caused mirth in the school. He never even made the school's lowliest team, the fourth XV.

Charles would later praise Gordonstoun for teaching him "a great deal about myself and my own abilities and disabilities. It taught me to accept challenges and take the initiative".

In 1966 he then spent two terms at the Timbertop campus of Geelong Grammar School in Victoria, Australia. He would describe his time there as the most enjoyable of his whole education.

Charles returned to Gordonstoun where, like his father, he became head boy. He left in 1967 with six O-levels and two A-levels in history and French, at grades B and C respectively.



A KILTY PLEASURE... on his 7th birthday at Balmoral

1980

Charles proposes to Amanda Knatchbull, the 21-year-old granddaughter of Lord Mountbatten. She declined, saying: "What a funny idea."

JUL, 1980

Charles and Diana invited to friend Philip de Pass's home weekend. Diana recalled of Charles: "He was all over me again. I thought, 'Well, this isn't very cool.' I thought men were supposed not to be so obvious."

JUL

Charles invites Diana aboard royal yacht Britannia for a sailing weekend to Cowes. Charles's courtship continues.

SEP 6

Diana is photographed at Balmoral, where she is met with approval by the Queen, the Queen Mother and the Duke of Edinburgh. Charles's courtship continues.

NOV, 1980

Charles publishes children's book The Old Man Of Lochnagar, based on stories he told younger brothers Andrew and Edward a decade earlier.



BONNIE PRINCE
... portrait with Elizabeth for his first birthday



CHRISTENING... on mother's lap in 1948, with Queen Mary, Prince Philip, King George VI and Princess Margaret

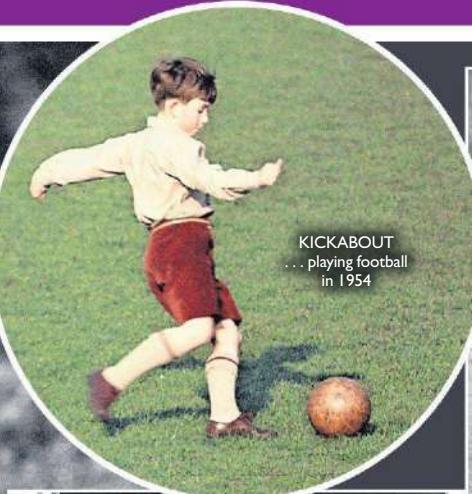


IS IT OVER YET?... a bored Charles at his mother's 1953 coronation with Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and aunt Princess Margaret

GROWING UP



BOARDER . . . at Cheam School aged nine in 1958



KICKABOUT . . . playing football in 1954



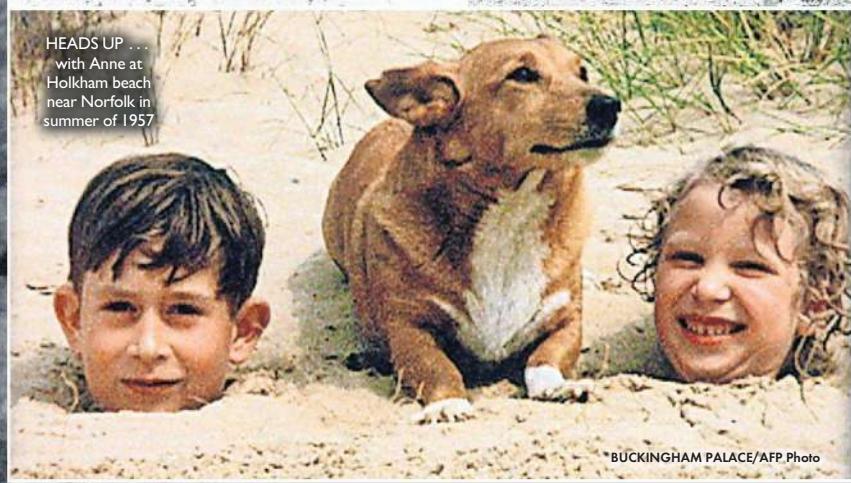
WINDOW MESSING . . . with parents and sister Anne at Balmoral in 1952



PARK LIFE . . . a three-year-old Prince Charles with senior nanny Helen Lightbody in a London park



FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS . . . arriving at Gordonstoun in 1962 with the Duke



HEADS UP . . . with Anne at Holkham beach near Norfolk in summer of 1957

A GENTLE BOY, A VERY KIND HEART

DEC 9, 1980

Charles meets Mother Teresa in Calcutta during a tour of India.

FEB 6, 1981

Charles proposes to Diana in the nursery at Windsor Castle. She accepts but their engagement is kept secret for the next few weeks. The Prince later said: "I wanted to give her a chance to think about it – to think if it was all going to be too awful."

FEB 24

Engagement formally announced. When a journalist asks Charles if they are in love, he replies: "Whatever 'in love' means."

MAR 9

Charles and Diana make first official public appearance together at a charity ball at Goldsmiths' Hall, central London.

MAR 17

Charles yells "bloody hell" after falling off his racehorse Good Prospect for a second time in five days. His racing career ends winless after his sixth and final race at Newton Abbot on May 21.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE/AFP Photo

CHARLES III

THE MAKING OF A KING

THE future of the teenage Prince was decided at dinner party to which he was not invited.

At Buckingham Palace, three days before Christmas 1967, the guests gathered after the meal in an informal "committee" to discuss Charles's life after school.

The group — PM Harold Wilson, the Dean of Windsor, the Chief of the Defence Staff, the chairman of university vice-chancellors, Prince Philip and Charles's great-uncle Louis Mountbatten — agreed he should go to university then into the Armed Forces.

The Queen was present for the discussion but did not intervene.

Charles was to be the first heir to the throne to get an academic degree.

It took nine months to decide on Cambridge University. Despite Charles's middling A levels, there was much discreet lobbying from six colleges which wanted the Prince before a place was secured at Trinity, founded by Henry VIII, where Isaac Newton and six British PMs had been educated.

Charles's predecessors had flirted with university; Edward VII spent two years at Edinburgh, Oxford and Cambridge; George V, in the Navy at 12, had classes at Oxford; George VI spent a year at Cambridge and Edward VIII was at Oxford for two. But none had degrees. The last royal to get one was George III's nephew, Prince William, in 1790.

Trinity College master "Rab" Butler, a former Tory Chancellor regarded in some circles as "the best PM we never had" promised "no special treatment" for Charles.

But the Prince bagged a three-room suite in the college, highly unusual for a "fresher".

After a visit to his rooms, the Queen got her Sandringham staff to add curtains and carpets and the Queen Mother gave a painting by Norfolk artist Edward Seago.

There were rooms for his detective and equestry and the Palace installed phone lines and a secure cabinet. The living room was redecorated, a shaving socket installed in a private bathroom and his detective was required to do his laundry (to avoid a trophy-hunting theft of the royal underpants).

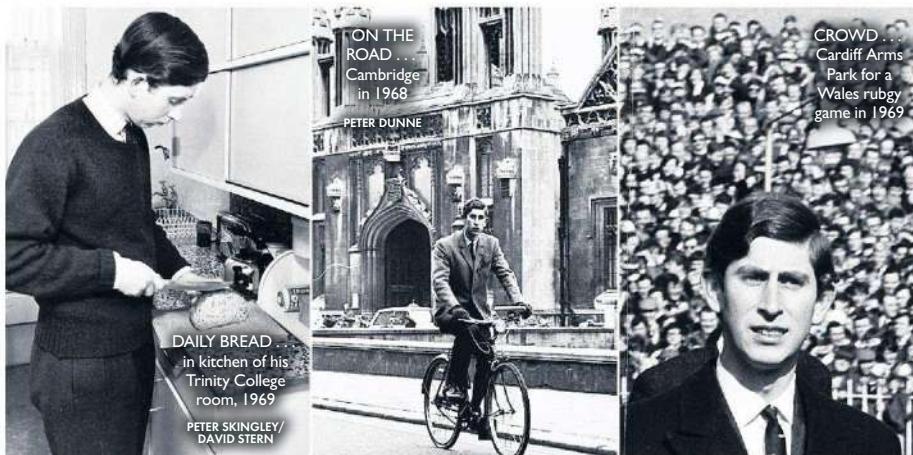
Prince Philip met academics to scope a curriculum around constitutional history. But Charles had other ideas, choosing anthropology and archaeology in his first year and history in his last two years.

He believed anthropology would prepare him for kingship. He wanted to understand "the fundamental tensions in a man, in mankind, between body and soul".

As at school, Charles struggled to make friendships. He was still "chronically self-conscious" and found social gatherings among strangers disconcerting. He blamed himself, writing: "I've been ruminating that I am a 'single' person that prefers to be alone and is happy with just hills or trees as companions. I must try to improve myself."

His equestry David Checketts said: "He didn't really mix with anybody. He lived for the weekends."

Then, he reverted to his comfort zone of titled, poloing-and-shooting sons of the aristocracy. And, true to form, his best



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friend was seven years older: Former cavalry officer Hugh van Cutsem, who owned an estate near Sandringham. He would later counsel Charles on his marriage. He also had regular dinners with the Rev Harry Williams, Trinity's Dean of Chapel, an unorthodox and brilliant preacher who in the 1980s was one of the first Anglican priests to come out as gay.

"I always thought [the Prince] was a deep person," said Williams,

cally, Charles did well in his first year. One don said he wrote "useful and thoughtful essays, although sometimes they are a little rushed".

After better-than-average results, Charles wrote: "I've shown them [the media], in some small way at least, that I am not totally ignorant or incompetent! I'll now be envisaged as a princely swot!"

In June 1968 he hosted two cocktail parties for the Press.

Evening Standard writer Mary Kenny described him as "a sweet virgin boy".

Charles was having none of the late-60s student insurrection, marijuana and free love.

He dressed traditionally, shunning what he called "hairy,



"that he wasn't taken in by the surfaces of life... an openness of mind, a readiness to evaluate ideas, not taking things off the peg, but thinking them out for himself".

Charles won a half-Blue for polo, playing twice for Cambridge against Oxford, and, like his father, began flying lessons. He played in the college orchestra, describing himself in 2021 as a "very bad member of the cello section".

His first dinner at Rab Butler's led to his first romance, or rather, as one of his cousins put it, "the first real love of his life".

Butler's research assistant, Lucia Santa Cruz, daughter of the Chilean ambassador — a striking woman five years older than Charles and with two degrees — remained a friend for years.

Charles asked Butler for a key to the Master's Lodge so they could have "privacy". Lucia was a Roman Catholic, so marriage was never an option. But she did, in 1970, introduce the Prince to her friend, Camilla Parker Bowles. Academi-

washed student bodies", saying: "If people think me square, I'm happy to be square."

He did, however, find a home in The Dryden Society, the college's drama group, appearing in sketches — his humour based on his beloved 1950s surrealist radio comics *The Goons*.

He had perfected Goonspeak as a teenager at Gordonstoun, with an impressive imitation of Peter Sellers' nasal-voiced Bluebottle character.

In one sketch he wrote and performed, watched by the Queen and Princess Anne, dressed in jacket, tie, flippers and a gas mask, he announced a spoof weather forecast: "By morning, promiscuity will be widespread, but it will lift, and may give way to some hill snot. Virility will at first be poor. A manic depression over Ireland... a warm front followed by a cold back."

In the middle of his second year, the Prince of Wales was packed off for a term at University College

of Wales in Aberystwyth, studying Welsh history and language.

It was a political move decided two years earlier at the request of the Government, anxious over growing nationalism in the country.

A tiny group of extremists, The Free Wales Army, had made threats and let off bombs in protest at their "colonial" English rulers.

Charles carried out royal engagements throughout his time at uni.

The most significant was his investiture as Prince of Wales in July 1969. In a Palace PR blitz, he did his first radio and TV interviews. It was the first time people had heard his voice and millions were impressed by the shy but intelligent Prince with his self-deprecating sense of humour — very far from the ineffectual "wimp" of popular opinion.

"I don't blame people for demonstrating," he told Jack de Manio on Radio 4's Today programme, "they don't know what I'm like. I've hardly been to Wales and you can't expect people to be over-zealous having a so-called English prince to come amongst them."

Listed as Windsor, C. on the college register, Charles described his Aberystwyth room as "a cell" and would escape into hill-walking and flying lessons. "I went to these lectures," he recalled. "And most days there seemed to be a demonstration going on against me with a counter-demonstration, usually by splendid middle-aged ladies who got out of a bus."

His reluctant tutor was Dr Edward "Tedi" Millward, an ardent nationalist. In 2019, the then 89-year-old said: "The police had me in their 'black book', so I was a bit surprised when I was asked to teach Charles Welsh."

"Special Branch interviewed me very sternly. I treated him the same as any other student. It wasn't easy for him to be like any other student, as he'd pull up many days in a sports car. I wasn't in favour of him as Prince of Wales. And he knew it."

In time, Tedi warmed to Charles, saying: "I found him intelligent and quite charming. We became quite close."

Just before the investiture, Charles was invited to speak in Welsh to an audience of 6,000 in a marquee at the Urdd Eisteddfod, an annual youth festival of literature, music and performing arts being held in Aberystwyth that year. As he got up, around 100 people began protesting, some walking out, some heckling.

Pandemonium ensued as others in the audience tackled the militants, tussling

with them and kicking them out. Charles's speech, when he finally got to make it, received a standing ovation.

The Prince wore a bullet-proof vest for his investiture at Caernarfon Castle, a theatrical, medieval affair devised by his aunt Margaret's husband, the photographer Lord Snowdon.

The coastal town echoed to hovering helicopters as manhole covers were welded shut to prevent hidden bombs.

On the evening before, two men who had allegedly planned to bomb the Abergele train line on which Charles would travel were killed as the explosives went off accidentally.

The ceremony had no historical precedent but for an overblown, chaotic event for Edward VIII in 1911.

Charles and his parents sat on slate "thrones" under a huge transparent plastic canopy so TV cameras could get every angle.

"Just like Henry V would have done it," said Snowdon, "if he'd had Perspex".

Charles, said Snowdon, was "s***ting himself". The Prince wrote in his diary: "For me by far the most moving moment came when I put my hands between Mummy's and swore to be her liege man of life and limb and to live and die against all manner of folks."

"Such magnificent, medieval, appropriate words, even if they were never adhered to in those old days."

N SEARING July heat, the Prince went on a two-day tour of his new domain — the rapturous greeting from crowds in the Labour-stronghold mining valleys surprised and delighted him.

Back at university after a summer at Balmoral, Charles called Cambridge "pure hell".

"I miss the mountains deeply and... feel like I'm in a zoo," he wrote to a friend. "After the solitude of the past two months it is a shock and I tend to remain in my room."

His new rooms were larger, but his responsibilities would increasingly drag him away from Cambridge.

That final year, 1969-70, he carried out royal engagements in Abu Dhabi, Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Japan (where he met Emperor Hirohito), Los Angeles, Ottawa and Washington (where he met President Nixon).

In London, he was introduced to the House of Lords ("quite awe-inspiring") and spoke to 5,000 Indians marking the centenary of Gandhi.

No wonder the Prince flunked his finals, coming away with lower 2nd class honours. His excuse? "An element of panic when I could not remember what Locke's theory of law was. My mind went a despairing blank, aided, I may say, by an excited, noisy football demonstration outside the exam room."

More than 50 years on, his old Aberystwyth tutor Tedi Millward revealed how Charles had mixed feelings about being heir. "He talked quite openly about his status. I don't think he liked the thought of being Prince of Wales at that time."

It was a role the young Prince would have decades to perfect. Maybe he was just beginning to learn what it was going to mean.



ACTING UP...
in a revue sketch
called Revolution
at Cambridge

MAR 29

Charles flies to Australia and New Zealand for a five-week tour, leaving Diana behind. She is spotted crying at Heathrow.

JUL 29

Charles and Diana's wedding at St Paul's Cathedral is watched by 750million people in 74 countries. Diana later said: "We met only 13 times before our wedding day."

AUG

Couple honeymoon aboard royal yacht Britannia. On the first day, Diana notices Charles wearing cufflinks with two letter Cs entwined — a gift from Camilla.

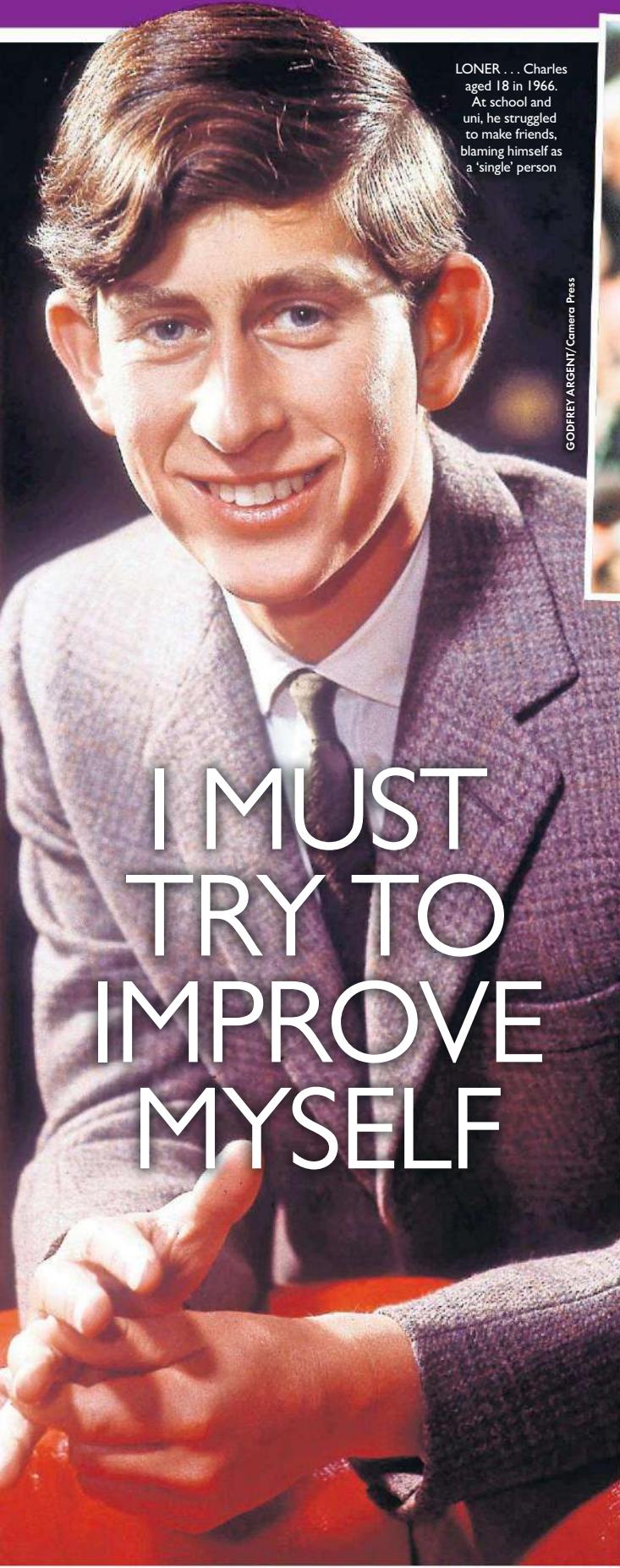
JUN 21, 1982

Charles becomes a father after Prince William is born. Diana suffers postnatal depression, later saying: "You'd wake up in the morning feeling you didn't want to get out of bed."

APR, 1983

Charles, Diana and William tour New Zealand. Christopher John Lewis, who had fired a gun at the Queen in 1981, attempts to escape a psychiatric hospital with the aim of assassinating Charles.

EDUCATION...AND ELEVATION



LONER... Charles aged 18 in 1966. At school and uni, he struggled to make friends, blaming himself as a 'single' person

GODFREY ARGENT/Camera Press

I MUST TRY TO IMPROVE MYSELF

MAY 30, 1984

Charles describes a proposed extension to the National Gallery in London as a "monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved friend" in a speech for the Royal Institute of British Architects.

SEP 15, 1984

Prince Harry is born. Diana would later say: "Charles and I were very, very close the six weeks before Harry was born. Then, suddenly, it just went bang, our marriage."



INVESTITURE
...the Queen looks on as Charles adjusts his crown – topped with a gold-plated ping-pong ball – at 1969 ceremony

ANWAR HUSSEIN/Getty Images

IN THE early summer of 1969, Charles was steeling himself for what he later called the biggest ordeal of his life to that point.

The 20-year-old was about to be formally created Prince of Wales in an elaborate ceremony in the ruins of the ancient Caernarfon Castle.

And although he was dreading it, the Investiture of Prince Charles as the 21st (English) Prince of Wales on July 1, 1969, generated more excitement than almost any event since the Coronation.

In the days leading up to it, the world and his wife – in the form of radio, television and Press reporters, cameramen and photographers – descended on Caernarfon.

And I was one of them.

The impresario behind it all was Princess Margaret's husband the Earl of Snowdon.

Formerly known as Tony Armstrong-Jones, he was a fashion photographer and filmmaker, and he used every trick in the book to create a spectacle. He even designed his own military-style tailcoat tunic for the event. He adored it, even if some privately said he looked like a 19th Century stationmaster.

The preparations were quite extraordinary, even by royal standards. The Crown Equerry, Lt Col Sir John Miller, travelled the route the royal procession was to take no fewer than seven times, with a stopwatch in hand.

At one point he asked me if I would ride with him in the coach that would carry the Prince of Wales on the day, so that the horses would be pulling the right weight.

As we moved along the route, which included a steep incline, he instructed soldiers to throw buckets of water in front of the horses' hooves so he could check what might happen if it rained.

Then he ordered the banners on the walls of the castle to be shaken vigorously, to see if the animals would be disturbed if there was a strong wind.

Nothing escaped the Equerry's eye – and, of course, it all went like clockwork.

Prince Charles had himself been preparing for the event for years. He had been created Prince of Wales by his mother at the age of nine in July 1958 – the title is not inherited automatically but is a gift from the sovereign.

However, the formal ceremony had

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been long planned as an honour to Wales, and in the months leading up to it Charles really went to work.

At the time he was spending a term studying at the University of Aberystwyth, and set about learning the Welsh language he would need at the ceremony. He did it so very well.

While the majority of Welsh people welcomed the event, hoping it would boost tourism, some groups opposed what they called "a piece of English subterfuge".

Bombs were even let off and several men were sent to prison. However, by the time the

honoured. The future Edward VIII hated the entire proceedings.

The idea had been dreamed up by the wily Chancellor of the Exchequer, David Lloyd George. He persuaded George V it would be the ideal way to promote Anglo-Welsh unity.

In reality, it was intended to make Lloyd George look good.

The 1969 version was organised mainly as a television spectacular, and it was, with a worldwide audience of around 500million.

Nineteen million watched it in Britain, where it was broadcast live in colour on both BBC1 and BBC2.

One of the main commentators for the British broadcast was actor and playwright Emlyn Williams.

When Princess Margaret arrived with a small entourage, she asked the Welshman, whose bisexuality was widely known, why he was there.

He replied: "The attraction has always been to Mount Snowdon."

SHE thought it was hilarious. Tony did not.

The culmination of the three-hour ceremony was the Queen presenting her son with the symbols that marked him as Prince of Wales: Sword, ring, rod, mantle and, of course, the coronet.

The coronet had been a problem.

At the 1911 Investiture, young Prince David had been presented with a coronet that had been made for his father some years earlier.

But when David as Edward VIII abdicated the throne in 1936 and went into exile abroad as the Duke of Windsor, he took the coronet with him. So Charles got a brand new piece of bling, designed to mix tradition and modernity, and featuring a gold-plated ping-pong ball on top. It cost just £3,600.

After receiving these symbols, Charles was presented by his mother at three of the castle's gates, to the roars of the adoring crowds outside.

Then suddenly it was all over. Charles had come through his ordeal with flying colours.

But in all probability there will never be another Investiture – certainly not on this scale.

When Prince William was 21 years old he was shown a film of the occasion, and vowed that when it was his turn for the title, one thing was certain: He would not take part in that sort of "circus".

OCT 25, 1984

Charles and Diana leave on a 19-day tour to Australia and the US. Speculation is rife that the marriage is in trouble.

NOV 9

The couple attend a dinner with President Ronald Reagan at the White House. Guests include Neil Diamond and Clint Eastwood. After dinner, Diana dances with Saturday Night Fever star John Travolta.

1986

Diana begins a five-year affair with Household Cavalry officer James Hewitt. Charles begins affair with old flame Camilla Parker Bowles.

CHARLES III

THE MAKING OF A KING



DUTY CALLS... arriving at Cardiff Docks for a visit to the city in 1976



PILOT... flying helicopter with the Royal Navy in 1974



SERVICE... in military uniform on 26th birthday



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SPLASHING through the breakers on an Australian beach, Prince Charles was ambushed by a bikini-clad model who promptly planted a kiss on his cheek.

The young woman, Jane Priest, would later tell how an awkward Charles – obeying royal protocol – did not reply, "Pleased to meet you" but "Oh, I can't touch you".

It was 1979 and Charles, then 30, was described by Fleet Street scribes as the "world's most eligible bachelor". The picture caused a sensation across continents and was a glimpse of the excitement that would be generated when he finally chose the woman he would marry.

It later emerged that Jane Priest's stolen kiss was a put-up job by a newspaper.

Yet the clamour – from his family and public opinion – for him to finally settle down was reaching fever pitch.

In the 1970s, protocol dictated that for an heir to the throne, a suitable bride meant either a foreign princess or the daughter of a senior British aristocrat.

But Charles had long heeded the advice of his mentor, great-uncle and godfather, the last Viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten.

Mountbatten counselled on Valentine's Day 1974 when Charles was 25: "a case like yours, the man should sow his wild oats and have as many affairs as he can before settling down."

"But for a wife he should choose a suitable, attractive and sweet-tempered girl before she has met anyone else she might fall for."

"It is disturbing for women to have experiences if they have to remain on a pedestal after marriage."

Socially shy and awkward, with jug ears and a weak chin, Charles was not classic Casanova material. Yet while studying at Cambridge he discovered he had a way with the opposite sex.

Aged 19, the Prince had his first serious romance, with Lucia Santa Cruz, the daughter of the Chilean Ambassador to London.

Lord "Rab" Butler, the Master of Trinity College where the Prince was studying, is said to have slipped Lucia a key to his lodge to allow her and Charles to be together.

As Butler's wife Mollie put it, Charles "cut his teeth" on Lucia. Their relationship lasted from 1968 to 1970 but they remained friends and Lucia was invited to his second wedding.

According to Coronation Street and Carry On Cleo star Amanda Barrie, it was she who had been lined up to pop Charles's cherry.

She claimed that the actor James Robertson Justice, a friend of Prince Philip, asked her to his house in Scotland to meet the young Charles, then at Gordonstoun School, to "help in the initiation of the future king".

Amanda revealed that James, an upper-crust star who played Sir Lancelot Spratt in 1960 comedy Doctor In Love, said it was the "ultimate compliment, but don't be offended by it".

AMANDA added: "He said he was one of eight people who had been selected to help 'launch the royal males into their future life'.

"He actually said, 'We don't really want people who are experienced but, on the other hand, well, obviously they have to know the ropes.'

"Frankly, the main thing one needs is a sense of humour and I know you have got that."

No cash was offered. Amanda would be doing it for the privilege. But it was not to be.

Recalling the proposal, Amanda said: "I had this terrible image of having to face the Queen over breakfast. What would she say? 'So, Amanda, how was it?'" When she turned the actor down, he told her, "Please don't tell anyone". So she did not for years.

Charles graduated from Cambridge with a 2:2 in June 1970, the first heir to the throne to earn a university degree.

He then embarked on a military career befitting a future monarch. In his second year at Cambridge he had trained with the RAF, and in March 1971, he flew himself to RAF College Cranwell to train as a jet pilot.

After the passing-out parade in September, he then followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and embarked on a naval career. He enrolled in a six-week course at the Royal Naval College Dartmouth before serving on guided-missile destroyer HMS Norfolk and the frigates HMS Minerva and HMS Jupiter between 1971 and 1974.

Charles is at centre of controversy after saying modern architects and property developers have been more destructive to the London skyline than Adolf Hitler's Luftwaffe.

MAY 11, 1986

Charles and Diana watch a sumo tournament during six-day visit to Japan.

SEPT 21

Charles ridiculed when he says in a TV interview: "I just come and talk to the plants, really – very important to talk to them. They respond."

DEC 2, 1987

Charles is at centre of controversy after saying modern architects and property developers have been more destructive to the London skyline than Adolf Hitler's Luftwaffe.



FIRST FLAME... on way to theatre with Lucia Santa Cruz in 1970



IT GIRL... at polo in 1979 with Sabrina Guinness, who had dated Mick Jagger



EARLY BO... Charles ta... married C... polo match

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SHOCKER... model Jane Priest planted a kiss on Charles on 1979 visit to Australia



RUNNERS AND RIDERS... from top, Amanda Barrie, Jane Grosvenor, Anna Wallace, Fiona Cottrell



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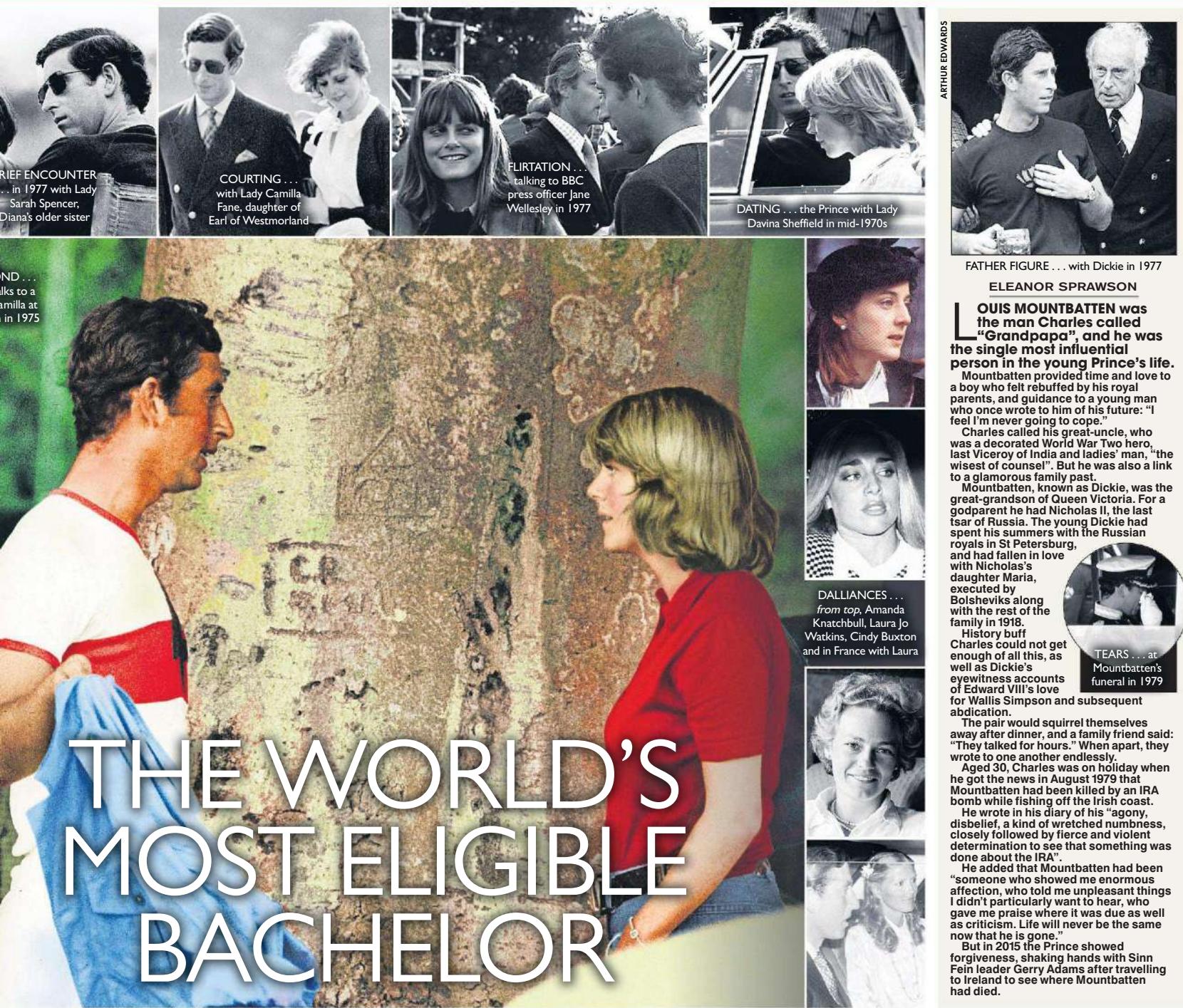
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IN PURSUIT OF LOVE



THE WORLD'S MOST ELIGIBLE BACHELOR

Fiona Cottrell, a former glamour model who had posed in Penthouse several years earlier.

THE Prince would woo them with endless nocturnal telephone calls. Yet the restrictions of palace life must have weighed heavily on their minds.

Beautiful and well-bred Lady Davina Sheffield, the granddaughter of ICI magnate Lord McGowan, dated Charles in the mid-1970s. But it emerged she had once shared a cottage with a former boyfriend – unforgivable in a potential Princess of Wales in those days.

As the Prince passed his 30th birthday, he was dating 24-year-old It Girl Sabrina Guinness. Prince Philip did not approve – she had gone out with Mick Jagger, Jack Nicholson and Rod Stewart. And when she came to stay at Balmoral for the first time, the Queen is said to have snapped at her: "Don't sit there, that's Queen Victoria's chair." Aged 31, and under

increasing pressure to settle down and produce an heir, Charles proposed to one of his Angels.

She was Amanda Knatchbull, daughter of Lord and Lady Brabourne, and granddaughter of his beloved mentor Earl Mountbatten.

Charles had known Amanda since her childhood. On meeting her as a 15-year-old on holiday in 1973, he wrote to Mountbatten saying: "I must say, Amanda really has grown into a very good-looking girl – most disturbing."

There were no romantic overtones until Amanda was 17 but her parents thought she was still too young for the glare of publicity.

They decided against Mountbatten's suggestion that Amanda accompany Charles on an official 1980 trip to India. Months later, when Amanda was 21 Charles popped the question. "What a funny idea," she said, and politely declined.

Perhaps Charles's inability to find a bride was also due to his own reticence.

For he had already met the woman who was the love of his life, but circumstance had kept them apart. His first girlfriend, Lucia Santa Cruz, had been the matchmaker. On a warm

summer's day in June 1971 she bounded up to Charles at a Windsor polo match and insisted she had found "just the girl" for him. The girl's name was Camilla Shand, a former debutante.

Her relationship with Army officer Andrew Parker Bowles had ended in 1970 and he was courting Charles's sister Princess Anne.

Soon Charles and Camilla were an item, meeting at polo matches and exclusive club Annabel's in London's Berkeley Square.

The relationship was clearly serious. Charles met Camilla's family and she met some of his.

Then things were put on hold in early 1973 when Charles was posted overseas with the Royal Navy. Later that year their relationship was over. Camilla announced her engagement to Andrew Parker Bowles. Charles wrote to Lord Mountbatten saying: "I suppose the feeling of emptiness will pass eventually."

Charles and Camilla remained friends, and when Lord Mountbatten was murdered by the IRA in 1979 she provided comfort and solace.

The pair became lovers once more. However, her past meant that under protocol at the time

she could never be his wife. So Charles's search for a bride continued apace.

By 1980 he was dating Anna Wallace, 25, known to her friends as Whiplash. But after almost a year they had a furious row at a ball in honour of the Queen Mother's 80th birthday.

While Charles mingled with guests, Anna felt she was being ignored. She was overheard shouting at him: "I've never been so badly treated before in my life. No one treats me like that, not even you." Another relationship had perished.

In July 1980, Charles was invited to stay at the Sussex house of Philip de Pass. Also in attendance was Lady Diana Spencer.

Diana would later say in tapes given to author Andrew Morton: "The first night we sat down on a bale at the barbecue at this house and he'd just finished with Anna Wallace."

"I said, 'You looked so sad when you walked up the aisle at Lord Mountbatten's funeral. My heart bled for you when I watched. I thought, 'It's wrong, you're lonely – you should be with somebody to look after you.'"

A year later, Charles and Diana were married.

MARCH 6, 1989

Charles gives speech at the Saving The Ozone Layer World Conference, saying: "Since the Industrial Revolution, human beings have been upsetting that balance of nature, persistently choosing short-term options and to hell with the long-term repercussions."

JULY 1, 1990

Charles leaves Cirencester Hospital with his arm in a sling after breaking it falling off his horse during a polo match.

FEB. 1992

Diana is pictured alone on a bench in front of India's Taj Mahal while Charles meets business leaders.

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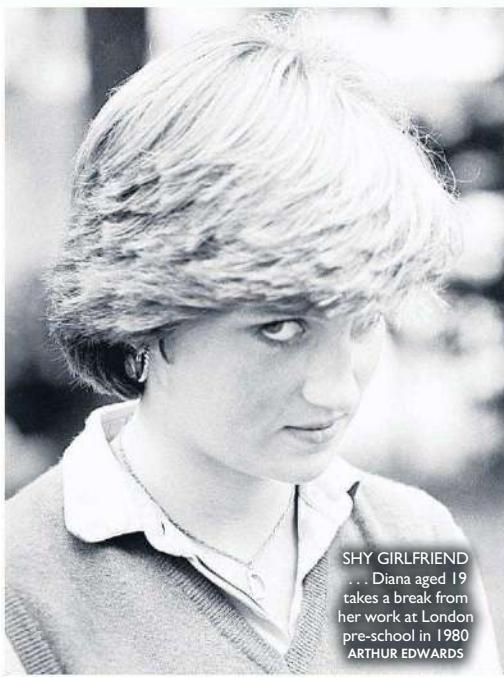
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AUG 23

The Sun publishes the Squidgygate tape in which Diana's friend James Gilbey referred to her as "Darling" 14 times and as "Squidgy" or "Squidge" 53 times.

CHARLES III

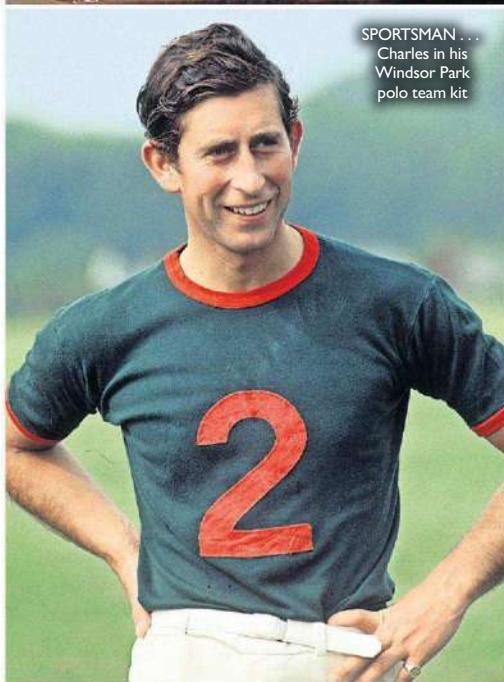
THE MAKING OF A KING



SHY GIRLFRIEND
... Diana aged 19 takes a break from her work at London pre-school in 1980
ARTHUR EDWARDS



DEBUT DATE ... engaged couple's first public duty – at Goldsmith's Hall in London, 1981



SPORTSMAN ... Charles in his Windsor Park polo team kit

NOV, 1992
An ill-at-ease Charles and Diana go on a disastrous tour of South Korea. They are nicknamed The Glums.

DEC 9
Prime Minister John Major announces Charles and Diana's "amicable separation" to the House of Commons.

JAN 17, 1993
Transcripts of the so-called Camillagate tapes – in which Charles and Camilla have an X-rated chat about missing one another – are published in UK newspapers. Diana calls the conversation "sick".

JAN 26, 1994
Student David Kang fires two blank shots from a starting pistol at Charles on Australia Day in Sydney in protest over the treatment of Cambodian asylum seekers held in detention camps.

Diana suspected that her husband was seeing Camilla at other times, too.

But as the birth approached, Diana recalled: "Charles and I were very, very close to each other the six weeks before Harry was born – the closest we've ever, ever been and ever will be."

"Then, suddenly, as Harry was born, it just went bang, our marriage. The whole thing went down the drain."

Harry, was born on September 15, 1984. By 1985, speculation about the rift between Charles and Diana had reached fever pitch in the Press.

In tapes recorded by a voice coach, Diana revealed that when she quizzed Charles as to why Camilla was still part of his life, he told her: "I refuse to be the only Prince of Wales who never had a mistress."

DIANA nicknamed Camilla "the rottweiler" and in 1989 confronted her rival.

She later recalled: "It wasn't a fight. I said to Camilla, 'I'm sorry I'm in the way. It must be hell for both of you but I do know what's going on. Don't treat me like an idiot'."

Andrew Morton's 1992 bombshell book, Diana: Her True Story, for which the Princess provided taped interviews, revealed a depressed and isolated woman certain of her husband's infidelity.

Yet Diana was having affairs, too. She had a five-year romance with cavalry officer James Hewitt from 1986 to 1991.

On a 1992 tour to India, Diana was photographed alone on a bench in front of the Taj Mahal while Charles met business leaders. It came to symbolise a disintegrating marriage.

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A month later Prime Minister John Major announced their "amicable separation" to the House of Commons.

Then another bombshell. In 1993, the leaked Camillagate tapes appeared, in which Charles and Camilla had an X-rated conversation.

Charles is heard saying: "I'll just live inside your trousers or something. It would be much easier!"

A laughing Camilla replies: "What are you going to turn into, a pair of knickers? Oh, you're going to come back as a pair of knickers?"

Charles answers: "Or, God forbid, a Tamox. Just my luck!"

In June 1994, Charles confessed to Jonathan Dimbleby in a TV interview that he had been unfaithful to Diana, saying he rekindled his relationship with Camilla in 1986 only after his marriage had "irretrievably broken down".

Then in November 1995, Diana chose BBC's Panorama to give her side of the sorry story, telling presenter Martin Bashir: "There were three of us in this marriage, so it was a bit crowded."

The interview proved to be the tipping point. In December, Buckingham Palace announced that the Queen had sent letters to the Prince and Princess of Wales advising them to divorce.

The divorce was finalised on August 28, 1996. Diana lost the Her Royal Highness title. Prince William was reported to have reassured his mother: "Don't worry, Mummy, I will give it back to you one day when I am King."

In July 1997, Charles hosted a party for Camilla's 50th birthday at Highgrove.

At the same time, Diana was happy to accept playboy Dodi Fayed's offer of a holiday in the south of France.

A few weeks later, she was dead.

On August 31 the Mercedes she was travelling in crashed in Paris. Diana was just 36. William and Harry 15 and 12.

Charles "fell apart" but persuaded the Queen to allow him to journey to Paris to bring his ex-wife's body home.

Richard Kay, a journalist and friend of Diana, said: "Charles fought harder for Diana than he had ever fought for her in her lifetime."

Tina Brown, author of The Diana Chronicles, added: "He instantly knew this was a terrible thing, that he would be blamed."

Charles' popularity plummeted. With Camilla at his side, many now insisted he should never be King.



OLIVER HARVEY

19, Charles 32. Asked about the age difference, the Prince said: "Diana will certainly keep me young."

Ominously when the couple were asked if they were in love, Diana quickly chimped in, "Of course!" while Charles answered, "Whatever love means".

Their wedding on July 29, 1981, at St Paul's Cathedral, was watched by a TV audience of 750million in 74 countries.

Yet the couple barely knew each other. Diana later admitted: "We met only 13 times before our wedding day."

And on the very first day of their honeymoon onboard the yacht Britannia, things began to unravel. Diana noticed Charles was wearing a pair of cufflinks with two entwined letter Cs.

She would later recall: "So I said, 'Camilla gave you those, didn't she?' He said, 'Yes, so what's wrong? They're a present from a friend'. And boy, did we have a row. Jealousy, total jealousy."

It was not the first time Camilla had impinged on the couple's relationship.

Weeks before their marriage Diana had come across a bracelet inscribed with the letters GF among their wedding gifts. They stood for Gladys and Fred, their pet names for each other.



FAMILY FUN ... with Diana, William and Harry at Highgrove, 1986

It had been ordered by a member of staff on Charles's orders.

On another occasion, Diana remembered: "We were opening our diaries to discuss various things. Out comes two pictures of Camilla."

It was on their honeymoon that Diana found she had little in common with her husband, who liked painting, reading non-fiction essays and hunting.

THE widening rift was put aside and on November 5, 1981, the Princess's first pregnancy was officially announced.

Yet the young bride was in turmoil. She would later recall: "When I was four months pregnant with William I threw myself downstairs, trying to get my husband's attention, for him to listen to me. The Queen comes out, absolutely horrified, shaking. She was so frightened."

Diana was severely bruised but the baby was unharmed. She added: "I knew what was wrong with me, but nobody else around me understood me. It was a desperate cry for help."

On June 21, 1982, the Princess gave birth to Prince William. The young family went on tours of Australia and New Zealand, delighting the crowds.

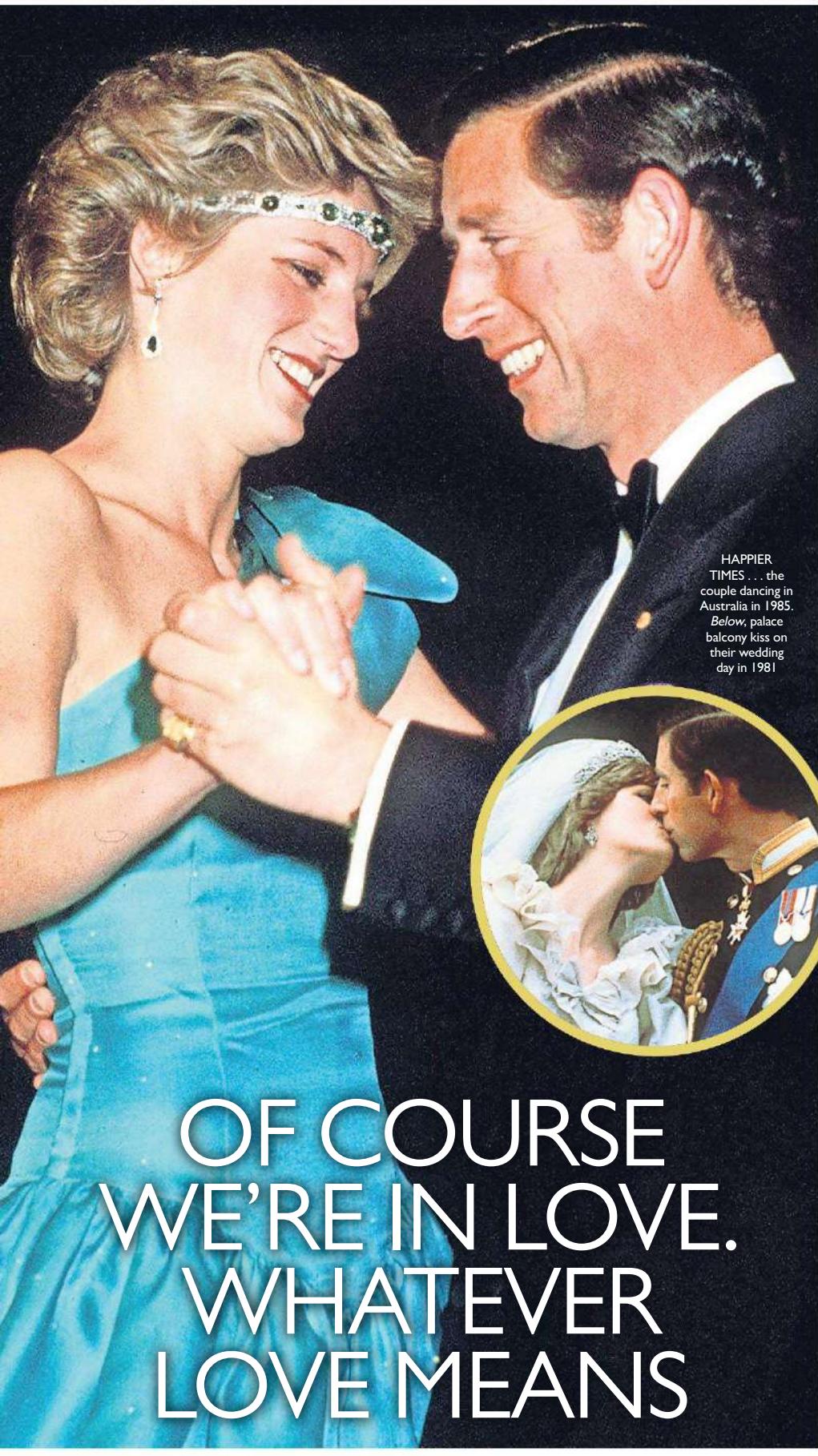
At the same time, Charles and Camilla had continued to meet at fox hunts close to their Gloucestershire homes.

In 1984, pregnant with Prince Harry,

JUNE 29

Charles crashes a Queen's Flight jet, causing £1million of damage, after taking the controls to land at Islay in the Inner Hebrides. No one was hurt but he gave up piloting afterwards.

THE DIANA YEARS



OF COURSE WE'RE IN LOVE. WHATEVER LOVE MEANS

JUNE 29

Documentary *Charles: The Private Man, The Public Role* is broadcast on ITV. In it, Charles admits infidelity, telling Jonathan Dimbleby he was faithful until his marriage "became irretrievably broken down".

MAY 31, 1995

Charles becomes first member of Royal Family to visit the Republic of Ireland in an official capacity since it became an independent state.

NOV 20

Diana gives her own bombshell interview with the BBC's *Panorama*. She famously tells now-disgraced presenter Martin Bashir: "There were three of us in this marriage, so it was a bit crowded."

DEC 20

Buckingham Palace announces that the Queen has sent letters to Charles and Diana advising them to divorce.



PETRONELLA WYATT

By luck, I had the chance to speak to Princess Diana shortly before her death, about her romance with the Prince of Wales.

It was a cold evening at a friend's house. Everyone was dressed warmly, but our hosts had made the house almost unbearably hot.

Diana and I giggled as we were both wearing suit jackets with nothing underneath but our bras, so there was no question of taking them off.

We decided we might at least open a window, and as we perched on the ledge, Diana asked me what I had done during the day. I told her I had been to St James's Palace for a charity concert to raise money for The Prince's Trust.

"Was Charles there?" she asked in a slightly arch manner.

Just then, a waiter appeared with glasses of chilled champagne and we gratefully took a flute of the ice-cold liquid.

"Thank goodness," she said. "I really think I would have taken my jacket off and given everyone an eyeful."

She struck me as being in a puckish and expansive mood, on the cusp of pleasant tipsiness, so I asked her that if several versions of her first meeting with Charles was correct.

"Oh, the boring one," she said. "He was seeing my big sister Sarah and came to visit. I was 16, chubby and a bit overwhelmed."

When the couple next met, it was at one of the regular shooting parties in the country.

Lady Diana Spencer had blossomed into a 19-year-old with racing yacht curves, while Charles was sunk in gloom, having recently lost his beloved Dickie Mountbatten to an IRA bomb.

After a long pause, Diana went on: "The poor man looked broken. You just wanted to comfort him.

"When I told him that, he was all over me! Totally unexpected. That's how it all started."

Hindsight has cast a pall over their romance, but a romance it undoubtedly was.

"Oh, he was totally infatuated," Diana told me. "Physically though, it was weird. He never actually kissed me. But I'd never had a boyfriend, so I had nothing to measure this against."

"What he did do was stare at me as if I was the most fabulous thing on Earth."

Even now, the consensus is that Charles could not have been more attentive or persistent in his pursuit of the girl he was to marry.

That was not where the trouble lay. Charles had little emotional fluency – the young royal had not

been told he was loved. As he later informed friends, his mother and father had sometimes seemed clothed in the sackcloth and ash of duty alone.

Children often repeat the cycle, and the adult Prince of Wales found it almost insurmountably difficult to put his feelings into words.

Unlike the heroes of teenage yearnings, Charles was no romantic troubadour writing sonnets to his lady love.

It was for this sort of man, who only exists in books and films, that the young Diana felt an urgent need.

But let us not be too hard on a very human 30-year-old man faced with impossible expectations.

According to friends: "Before the engagement he tried as best he could to be romantic, but he just wasn't that sort of person."

When a man fails to live up to a young girl's dream, she inevitably suffers from suspicions and insecurities. But the notion that Charles was enjoying a romantic relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles while courting Diana is preposterous.

There are turning points in every relationship.

For Charles and Diana, the first was when she discovered her fiancé's parting gift to Camilla of a bracelet engraved with their nicknames for each other.

"Charles handled that business atrociously," a former courtier told me. "He made no effort to deal with Diana's understandable jealousy. He just sulked and slammed the door.

"The Prince was not used to people talking back and yelling at him."

Decades later, at that dinner in London, I asked Diana if she would like to get married again. She let out a low laugh and replied: "Like I need a bad rash. But I would like to redo some things."

"I was very young when I married. Far too young. In some ways I expected too much and I knew nothing about men. I really did believe in Prince Charming and all that stuff. Too many Barbara Cartland novels."

"But the family knew they were getting an innocent. I was chucked in at the deep end without a life belt."

Charles had thought he was marrying a biddable, uncomplicated country girl who enjoyed sloshing around in the mud – and to be fair to him, Diana had indeed pretended to share these interests.

However, it soon became clear he had got something quite different – a highly strung fashion lover, who had a hearty dislike of blood sports, and a potential media star whom the crowds seemed to prefer to him.



CHARLES III

CHARLES has spent a lifetime exploring religions, from Buddhism and Islam to the beliefs of African tribes.

But nothing matches the peace he finds among the 2,000 monks of Mount Athos, Greece's Holy Mountain.

His spiritual home is a cluster of 23 Eastern Orthodox monasteries on the cliffs of a barely accessible peninsula in the Aegean Sea.

He first visited in 1997, a few months after the death of Diana, and has returned regularly since, sometimes more than once a year.

Mount Athos is the world's oldest monastic community, dating from the year 324, and the world's only monastic state.

It keeps to the Julian calendar – 13 days behind the rest of the world – and clocks are set to Byzantine time, with each day beginning at sunset. Women are banned and monks spend up to eight hours a day at prayer.

Charles says it is where he retrieves his "lost balance", waking at 6am to pray before joining penance and philosophical discussion and helping the monks in the daily tasks.

Meals are taken in silence. His accommodation though is a little more spacious than that of the monks – a 430 sq ft "apartment" with its own bathroom. Charles



RETREAT... ancient monastery perched on Greece's Mount Athos

ELEANOR SPROWSON

grew up with the Orthodox faith in his life. His grandmother Princess Alice, Prince Philip's mother, became a nun in the 1930s after the break-up of her marriage.

She founded an order of nuns, and in the years before her death in 1969 she lived at Buckingham Palace, where she had her own Orthodox chapel.

Philip converted to Anglicanism before his marriage to Elizabeth.

Charles's Athos visits inspired the Sanctuary – a mini "monastery" built in the grounds of his Highgrove home.

The stone and timber chapel, in the shape of a cross, has no electricity, lit only by candles and an open fire, and no lock, but has four door knobs which only Charles knows how to open.

He has said: "It's the only place they can't get to me."

In the main house at Highgrove, the walls are hung with Byzantine icons, many from Mount Athos. Another place of sanctuary for the new King is a traditional Romanian village house he restored in 2010.

Then there is Llandover, his and Camilla's home in the Brecon Beacons in South Wales.

And although Charles is now Supreme Governor of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith, a monk at Mount Athos once insisted: "There is no question that the British royal is Orthodox in his heart."

Ten-year fight over 'black spider memos'

PRIVATE letters from Charles to government ministers – dubbed the "black spider memos" – were made public after a ten-year legal battle to keep them secret.

But they failed to live up to excited speculation about the secrets they might contain.

Named after the Prince's distinctive scrawl, they turned out to showcase concerns including albatrosses, badgers and the endangered Patagonian toothfish.

The most "controversial" letter was to then-PM Tony Blair in 2004,

outlining Charles's fears that our Armed Forces were being asked to undertake challenges in Iraq "without the necessary resources".

But in all, they were widely dismissed as "underwhelming" and "harmless".

Because of the desperate efforts to keep them out of the public eye, there had been speculation they must contain bombshells that might even stop Charles becoming King. Instead, one commentator said they just proved "that he writes extremely boring letters".

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ring broken off, then repeated. Van der Post gave Charles the idea of seeing his life as a quest to reconnect mankind with nature, and to seek connections between different cultures and religions.

And it was apparently his idea for Charles to declare that as King he would be "Defender of Faith" instead of the traditional "Defender of the Faith".

The pair also trekked in Kenya together in 1977, then camped in the Kalahari in 1987 where Charles saw a herd of 20,000 zebras that he called "a vision of earthly eternity".

Meanwhile in 1981 he wrote to a friend while on honeymoon with Diana: "I remain hermit-like... sunk with pure joy into one of Laurens van der Post's books."

When son William was born the following year, Laurens was the only non-aristocrat among the godparents and declared the youngster "a manly little baby". He died in 1996 aged 90.

A long-standing university friend of Charles said: "Van der Post was an immensely important influence. It remains with him forever."



MENTOR... van der Post, circled, at William's christening

MYSTIC and adventurer Laurens van der Post gave the young Charles the one thing he craved: A sense of purpose.

The South African writer told him that he did not have to wait to be King to fulfil his destiny, but could "prove his greatness as Prince of Wales". It changed everything for the young royal, who took on his mentor's teachings about nature and made them his mission in life.

After his death, van der Post was exposed as a "fantasist" who made up tales about his life with African tribes.

But Charles has always remained loyal to his memory and grateful to him for introducing him to the idea of "the spirit of the earth".

The King has long had an abiding interest in alternative medicine and spirituality.

He first met the then 68-year-old van der Post in 1974, but as a schoolboy at Gordonstoun he had lapped up his books. The pair quickly became close, and even had a code so that they would know when one was phoning the other: A

JULY 15, 1996

Charles and Diana's decree nisi is issued. Their divorce is finalised on August 28.

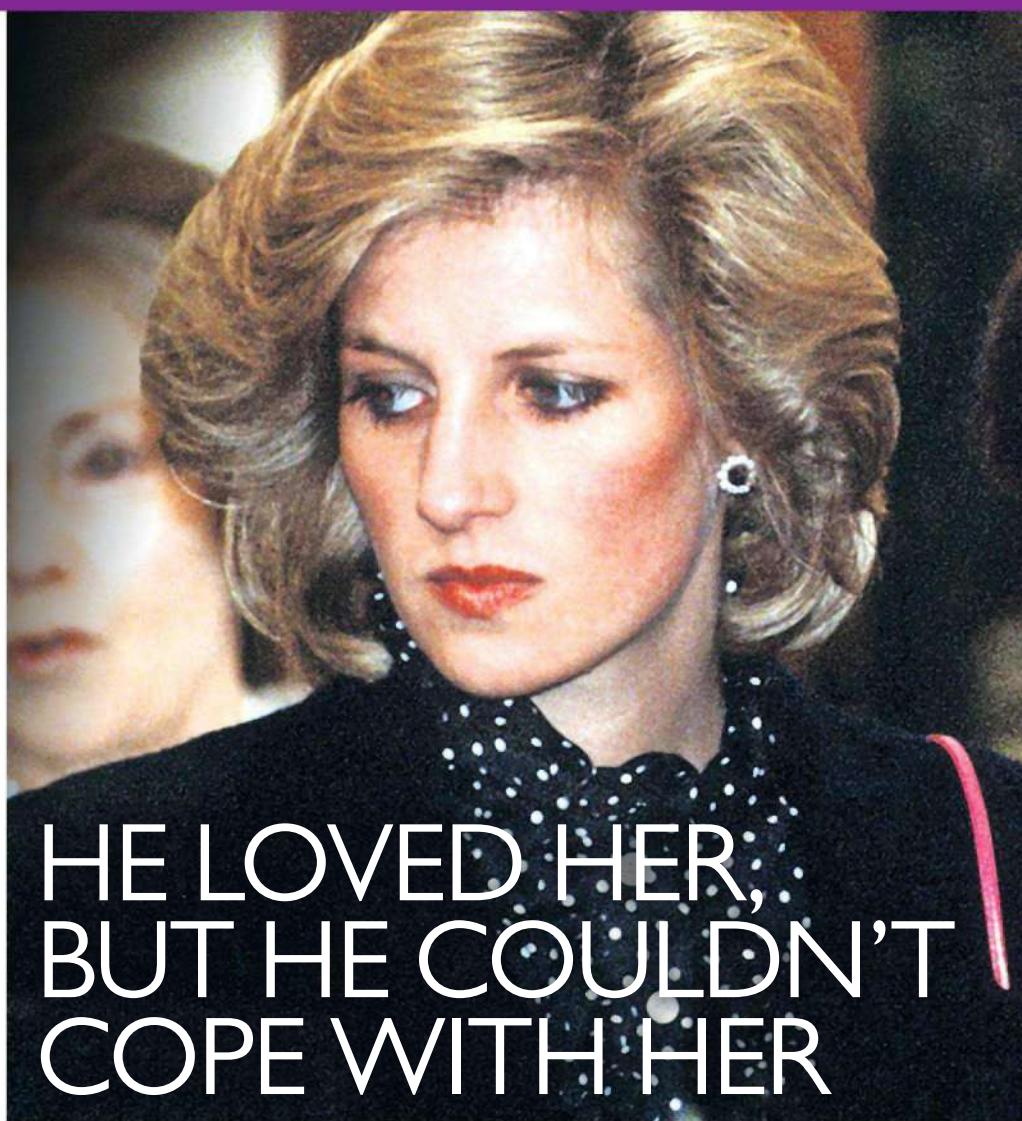
MAY 9, 1997

Charles meets the Spice Girls at a gala for the Prince's Trust Charity. Ginger Spice Geri Halliwell pats his bottom and tells him: "You're very sexy."

JULY 18

Charles hosts a party for Camilla's 50th birthday at Highgrove. Diana is on holiday in the south of France with playboy millionaire Dodi Fayed.

THE MAKING OF A KING



HE LOVED HER, BUT HE COULDN'T COPE WITH HER



PETRONELLA WYATT

ICAN'T quite remember the first time I met Prince Charles, but I think it was in 1987.

I was at Badminton attending the wedding of the then-Marquess of Worcester, or "Bunter" as he is known, and the socialite actress Tracy Ward. (Bunter's mother, the Duchess of Beaufort, was my godmother).

I was about 17 at the time. There was a lot of gossip and anticipation at the drinks reception because the Prince and Princess of Wales would be coming to the dance afterwards.

Or at least Charles would be – there was some uncertainty about Diana.

By this time, Charles and Diana had been married for nearly six years, and their incompatibility had become legend. Most of my circle – unfairly – blamed Diana.

One can pinpoint a sharp deterioration in the relationship to 1981.

Diana, who was pregnant with Prince William, had already shown signs of an eating disorder but her erratic behaviour induced not pity but repulsion in her bewildered husband.

"I don't think Charles ever felt the same way about her after 1981," said one of his friends. "He still loved her but he became very wary."

Could their marriage ever be gilded and frescoed again?

William's birth brought the couple close together for a while, and their

believed in discretion and the stiff upper lip.

No one talked about depression or mental illness, at least not in an open or constructive way.

Charles was not equipped to cope with the needs of a young woman suffering from what was a serious form of depression and an eating disorder.

Charles allegedly found solace in the arms of her bodyguard, Barry Mannakee, and later in a handsome Army officer called James Hewitt.

Though Diana publicly stated later that she was aware of her husband's resumption of sexual relations with Camilla, Charles has never said if he was conscious of his wife's early infidelities.

His friends, however, claimed to know all about them, and used her romances to excuse Charles's betrayal.

The Queen Mother used to come to dinner at my parents' house in London regularly.

She didn't like to speak of personal matters but her desperation over the Charles and Diana situation had unnerved her. He was the son she never had.

Naturally she felt responsible when both Charles and Diana became wretched antagonists.

"My darling grandson is so desperately sad," she confided, her eyes almost welling up.

Yet, despite what has been said or written, no one in the Royal Family hated or actively disliked Diana, except perhaps Princess Margaret, who was disapproving about nearly everyone. The Queen and Prince

AUG 31

Diana dies when the Mercedes she is travelling in with Dodi Fayed crashes in the Pont de l'Alma tunnel in Paris. She was 36. Charles persuades the Queen to allow him to travel to Paris to bring his former wife's body home.

SEPT 6

Charles, William and Harry follow Diana's coffin on a gun carriage to Westminster Abbey. An estimated 2.5 billion people watch the funeral as it's broadcast around the world.

THE DIANA YEARS



FORMAL... with Diana, who was pregnant with Harry, at Chelsea Flower Show, 1984



SEALED... photographers en masse as Diana leaves English National Ballet, London, as divorce is finalised, 1996

Philip liked Diana very much, and the Duke found his son's obsession with the older Camilla baffling. Diana became pregnant again and there was hope.

But Harry's birth in September 1984 had the opposite effect to what the Royal Family and even Diana longed for.

Charles had wanted a daughter, not another son, and apparently remarked when he saw his newborn: "Oh God, he has red hair."

For Diana, this was a point of no return. "She became very bitter and from then on they both led separate lives," a friend of Charles relates.

"Camilla resumed her position as Charles's Maitresse en Titre and people arranged for them to meet at discreet country houses."

BUT, AS IS TYPICAL OF WOMEN SCORNED, Diana did everything she could to prevent The Rottweiler, as she called Camilla, from usurping her position.

Charles's circle reacted by calling the Princess delusional – a manic depressive who needed psychiatric treatment.

No wonder Diana decided the world needed to know her side of the story – and with the assistance of writer Andrew Morton she related her version of events via Diana: Her True Story, complete with all the unkindness, ingratitude and treachery she believed she had suffered at the hands of the Royal Family.

The Morton book was a crossing of the Rubicon. I think Diana, when she matured, probably regretted it, or at least some of what she said.

But when it became clear, as was inevitable,

that the Princess had actively co-operated with the author, she lost a great deal of sympathy and tried the patience even of her friends.

As far as Charles was concerned it was the end of the marriage.

Pictures of the couple at official engagements showed them as hard-eyed adversaries with the steeliness of hitmen.

There were the photographs of Diana pointedly looking away from Charles after Earl Spencer had died, and the now legendary 1992 photograph of the Princess sitting alone in front of the Taj Mahal – that famous monument to deathless love. The Press called the couple The Glums.

Then there was that interview.

Diana was torn over the Panorama "scoop" fraudulently obtained by Martin Bashir.

Depending on her moods in the year in which I knew her, she would sometimes say it had been the only way of obtaining a divorce, after the formal separation in December 1992, and at other times that it was a "bad call".

It is an irony that it was the separation and divorce that enabled both Diana and Charles to take a more detached view of the past, and establish a genuine friendship.

After the London dinner party, I started meeting Diana quite frequently.

She had become the toast of London, and as with Scarlett O'Hara, even those determined to dislike her were unable to do so when confronted by her charm.

She was polite, thoughtful and fun to be around, unlike

Princess Margaret, who kept reminding you how royal she was.

Diana hated that kind of behaviour, and would have deplored the self-importance of the Duchess of Sussex, who in her obsession with the mother-in-law she would never meet, fails to appreciate what she really was – a lady. Not just by birth, but by temperament.

Even those who had most disliked Diana started to come round. Caroline Beaufort showed me a wonderful letter the Princess had written to her after Caroline had been diagnosed with cancer.

She was tremendously touched. It was as if Diana had become a different person.

The unhappiness and facade of her marriage had made her histrionic, and once she was free of it she laughed a lot and was simply radiant.

But the wistfulness was always there, like a dark thread running through a bright tapestry.

There was a dinner at the Ritz.

I sat next to her, with Kerry Packer, the Australian media tycoon, on the other side.

She was vivacious and unfussed by etiquette.

I think we shared Packer's lap as a joke.

She talked a great deal of her new-found friendship with Charles. That made her very happy.

Kerry Packer asked her what she would do if she could live her life over again and she said, laughingly: "Redo my marriage." But I always

thought, and so did friends of both her and Charles, that she remained a little in love with him.

No one who knew her believed she was in love with Dodi Fayed. He was a bad joke in London.

A daddy's boy, with a former drug habit. She had no intention of marrying him.

That was a fantasy of his father, Mohamed Fayed.

That Charles cared little when Diana was killed in Paris is a terrible lie that needs to be put to rest.

The Queen and Prince Philip were also distraught, partly for their beloved grandsons who had been deprived of an adoring mother.

But Charles broke down and wept. When he flew to Paris to collect her poor, broken body, he spent an hour alone with her.

What he said to his dead former wife he will take to the grave, but friends who know him well testified to his terrible grief.

He had loved her. He couldn't live with her, but he loved her still.

I think perhaps death was kind to Diana in taking her off so soon.

She would have discovered that what she had come to after her marriage was indistinguishable from what she had left.

She might have sought the quieter fame enjoyed by figures such as Mother Teresa, philanthropists or ordinary mothers.

But the media would not have let her, and I am not sure she would have found it any more satisfying.

As for Charles, was he truly happy after the divorce?

He married his mistress, Camilla, but marriage is very different from the excitement of a clandestine affair, and he would be less than human if thoughts and memories of Diana, in all her youth and beauty, did not impinge upon his thoughts.



RIVALS... Diana and Camilla at Ludlow races in 1980

SEPT 2, 1998

Charles drops 13-year-old Prince Harry off at Eton College where he will join his brother William as a boarder.

JAN 28, 1999

Charles chooses the Ritz for his first public appearance with Camilla. The band strike up the theme from Match Of The Day.

DEC 8, 2000

Charles appears on the 40th anniversary episode of Coronation Street. The soap is recorded live but incorporates pre-taped footage of Charles meeting the cast

NOV 7, 2001

Charles is struck in the face with three red carnations by teenager Alina Lebedeva while on an official visit to Latvia. She is protesting against the war in Afghanistan.

MAR 28, 2003

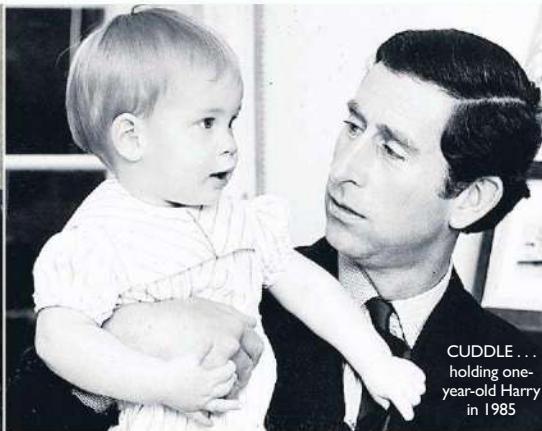
The Prince leaves London's King Edward VII hospital after a routine hernia operation. He jokes to well-wishers gathered outside: "Hernia today, gone tomorrow".

CHARLES III

THE MAKING OF A KING



PROUD DAD ...
on hospital steps
with Diana and baby
William in 1982



CUDDLE ...
holding one-
year-old Harry
in 1985



AIRS TO THRONE ...
Charles and
Harry in Sea King
helicopter in 1997

CHARLES always wanted to be a modern, loving father – but according to son Harry, he never stood a chance.

In a scorching appraisal of the new King's parenting abilities last year, the Prince said that Charles had been doomed by a lack of love in his own childhood, and by his loyalty to the royal brand.

The Duke of Sussex told a US podcast: "There is no blame. I don't think we should be pointing the finger or blaming anybody, but certainly when it comes to parenting, if I've experienced some form of pain or suffering because of the pain or suffering that perhaps my father or my parents had suffered, I'm going to make sure I break that cycle so that I don't pass it on."

But Harry had been less understanding a few months earlier when he delivered his first devastating attacks on his father after he and Meghan fled royal life.

In a tell-all interview with Oprah Winfrey in March 2021, he revealed that Charles had refused to take his calls after the couple first moved to Canada in early 2020 and had cut him off financially for a time.

And in a later Apple TV documentary series, his rage was still red-hot when he spoke of his father's failure to protect his sons from the "business model" of royal life.

He said: "He used to say to both William and I, 'Well, it was like that for me so it's going to be like that for you.' That doesn't make sense. Just because you suffered, that doesn't mean your kids have to suffer."

"Actually, quite the opposite. If you suffered, do everything you can to make sure that whatever negative experiences you had, you can make it right for your kids."

Harry and the Duchess of Sussex were hardly seen interacting with Charles on their return to the UK in June this year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, despite protestations they wanted to heal the relationship.

Charles had been terribly hurt by the attacks, which were a shock after decades of William and Harry telling fond, funny stories about their dad in public.

He had tried so hard to be a good father, right from the start.

In fact, his eagerness to be the best parent he could be began well before the arrival of his firstborn in June 1982.

It was an era when fathers-to-be did not always get deeply involved in the wellbeing of their wives during pregnancy – but, as always, Charles was ahead of his time.

He eagerly read Betty Parsons' guide *The Expectant Father* and brought the author to Kensington Palace to teach Diana the latest birth breathing techniques.

And Charles was at Diana's side through her long labour with William. That night, the new dad sat down and wrote in a letter to a friend: "I can't tell you how excited I am."

He added: "He really does look surprisingly appetising and has sausage fingers just like mine."

Charles was soon changing nappies, joining in at William's bath time and trying to keep up with the younger Diana dubbed her "mini tornado". The proud dad revealed: "He keeps crawling away, especially into wastepaper baskets."

Charles even sounded amused when he revealed the little boy had developed a habit of trying to flush everything down the loo, including his father's shoes.

On September 15, 1984, the Prince was once more at Diana's side when she gave



INGRID SEWARD

birth to Harry. Emerging to cheering crowds outside the hospital, Charles declared that the newborn was "marvellous", with "pale blue eyes" and hair of "a sort of indeterminate colour". He then announced: "I'm going home to have a stiff drink."

Diana later told biographer Andrew Morton that the Prince had been hoping for a daughter, and his first comment upon seeing the baby was: "Oh God, it's a boy."

She also said that after the arrival of her second child, she realised her marriage was doomed: "As Harry was born, it just went bang, our marriage. The whole thing went down the drain."

A day after Harry's birth, Charles was at Windsor playing a game of polo he had organised to mark the event. Some said it showed he was uncaring, but it was not true.

Charles could hardly tear himself away from the nursery and agreed to just a dozen engagements over the next four months, to spend time with his new son.



OUTING ... at Balmoral days before Diana's death

When Harry was a year old, big brother William, three, began nursery – another sign of his father's modern thinking.

Charles and sister Anne had started their own schooling with a governess.

But still, Charles faced unfair criticism.

In May 1988, when three-year-old Harry had an emergency hernia operation, Charles's absence at his bedside was noted. The fact he was on a painting trip in Italy and phoned every hour to be updated did not prevent him being labelled uncaring.

A few years later, in June 1991, there were more bad headlines when one of William's schoolmates accidentally hit the young Prince in the head while swinging a golf club, fracturing his skull.

Charles and Diana travelled with him when he was transferred to Great Ormond Street for surgery. But while Diana stayed with William, Charles left shortly before the operation to attend an opera with a group from the European Commission.

He then travelled straight to Yorkshire for

an environmental conference. The Prince was shocked by the deluge of negative publicity, summed up by a Sun headline demanding: "What Kind Of Dad Are You?"

Diana's later lover, James Gilbey – of "Squidgygate" phone-leak fame – was quoted in Andrew Morton's book saying of Diana: "She thinks he's a bad father. Selfish." This was despite Charles doing everything he could to make the boys' childhood magical.

He even hired architect William Bertram to design a treehouse at Highgrove and ensured that five-year-old William had the deciding voice in the designs. The youngster told the architect firmly: "I want it to be as high as possible so I can get away from everyone, and I want a rope ladder which I can pull up so no one can get at me."

Charles also read to his boys as much as they liked and taught them about plants and wildlife. But the public perception of him as a bad father remained. Diana saw to that it was her only real weapon.

After Diana's death in 1997, Charles was no longer torn between what she wanted and what he wanted, or even between his public duties and his role as a father.

His grieving sons, aged 15 and 12, were his only priority – and the public could finally see this.

A chef who worked at Highgrove at the time recalled: "He took charge of everything. He took an interest in everything that was going on instead of leaving it to someone else. He cancelled all his engagements and really went for it."

Charles also made sure the boys avoided TV and newspapers, so they would not be confronted by stories of their mother's death. Instead, they spent their days outside.

ONE FORMER member of staff recalled of the young princes' lives at the time: "The normality was almost shocking."

We now know that Harry suffered under this stiff-upper-lip style of parenting.

William, meanwhile, has only shown empathy and understanding of his father's struggles – although he has admitted that as a boy he wished his father had not been quite so busy with the royal workload.

He has also said he regrets Charles has not had more time to spend with his own three children, George, Charlotte and Louis.

He explained in 2018: "Having more time with him at home would be lovely, and being able to play with the grandchildren."

"When he's there, he's brilliant, but we need him there as much as possible."

The new Queen Consort has also said what a fun grandad Charles is. She said: "He will get down on his knees and crawl about with them for hours, making funny noises and laughing. He reads Harry Potter, and does all the different voices."

Prince Harry's children, Archie and Lilibet, live in America and have missed out on all this.

But now there is a chance for a new beginning – for father, sons and grandchildren. Charles III is intelligent and sensitive and will have taken Harry's raw pain to heart. Few people have had such an agonising journey to emotional maturity as our new King.

As sovereign, Charles will continue to guide Prince George as the nine-year-old moves towards his own destiny as King.

And as a grandfather, Charles will, if allowed, seek to pass on to all his grandchildren the best inheritance there is: His love, and his hard-won wisdom.



MARIO TESTINO

MAR 31, 2005

Charles labels BBC royal correspondent Nicholas Witchell "awful" during a photocall at a Swiss ski resort. The Prince is caught muttering under his breath: "I can't bear that man. I mean, he's so awful."

APR 8

Controversy as Charles shakes hands with Zimbabwean tyrant Robert Mugabe at the funeral of Pope John Paul II. He later explains he was "caught by surprise and not in a position to avoid it".

APR 9

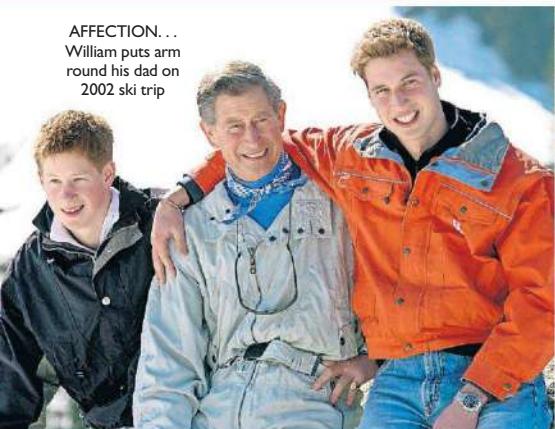
Charles and Camilla marry in a civil ceremony at the Guildhall, Windsor. The Queen does not attend but hosts a reception after.

JULY 14, 2006

Charles greets Spice Girls Emma Bunton and Geri Halliwell during a garden party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the 30th anniversary of The Prince's Trust.

AUG 31, 2007

Charles attends a service of thanksgiving for Diana, organised by William and Harry for the tenth anniversary of her death.

BRINGING UP HIS BOYS

AGONIES AS A FATHER... AND A NEW BEGINNING

MAR 8, 2008

During a one-day tour of Montserrat in the Caribbean, Camilla and Charles see the devastation caused by the La Soufrière volcano erupting. It is the Prince's first visit to the British Overseas Territory.

DEC 9, 2010

A car carrying Charles and Camilla is attacked by protesters opposed to soaring university fees. Their vehicle is hit by paint and the window cracked, but the couple are unharmed.

FEB 15, 2012

Charles reveals he is a Burnley FC fan while speaking to guests at Windsor Castle. The club, then tenth in the Championship, send him a complimentary season ticket.

MAY 12

Charles reads the weather forecast on BBC Scotland. In reference to a royal residence, he says: "So, a little hazy sun for the Castle of Mey in Caithness."

JULY 22, 2013

Birth of Prince George to William and Catherine makes Charles a grandfather, aged 64.

**ELEANOR SPRAWSON**

WHEN Prince Harry lambasted his father's parenting skills in public last year, he was in fact following in Charles's footsteps.

The new King shocked Prince Philip in 1994 by revealing to the world that his domineering ways had made his childhood a misery.

A biography by Jonathan Dimbleby, written with Charles's full co-operation, told how the Duke of Edinburgh believed his son was "soft" and "a bit of a wimp".

It added that "the small boy was frequently brought to tears by the mocking banter" of his father, especially when the sneering took place in front of other people.

Philip was particularly disgusted by his son's lack of interest in athletics and horsemanship, which Charles later sought to disprove by taking up polo.

He also found new father figures – firstly his great-uncle Lord Louis Mountbatten, and later South African mystic and adventurer Laurens van der Post.

But he remained cowed in his father's presence well into adulthood.

The book also revealed that Charles blamed Philip for his disastrous marriage to Diana.

It described how he felt forced into proposing when his father gave him an "ultimatum". Either he marry her, "thereby pleasing both his family and the country", or dump her.

As a result, Charles revealed, he entered the marriage in "a confused and anxious state of mind".

Meanwhile, he said the Queen never stood up for him, always deferring to her husband in matters involving their eldest son.

Shocked by the criticism, the Duke of Edinburgh protested: "We did the best we could."

But over the years, their relationship thawed.

After the Duke's death in April last year, Charles released a statement saying: "As you can imagine, my family and I miss my father enormously."

And a few months later, there was a glimpse of the real warmth between the pair when Charles told a BBC documentary about his last conversation with his father, who died two months before his 100th birthday.

He revealed: "I was talking to him the day before he died – we were talking about his birthday coming up.

"I said [speaking loudly], 'We're talking about your birthday', because he was getting a bit deaf.

"And I said, 'We're talking about your birthday and whether there's going to be a reception'.

"And he said, 'Well, I've got to be alive for it, haven't I?'.

"I said, 'I knew you'd say that!' Anyway it's a happy memory."



CHARLES III

I T WAS an intervention by his mother that finally convinced Prince Charles it was time to take the biggest gamble of his life.

In January 2005, he and Camilla Parker Bowles were due at the funeral of Sir Angus Ogilvy, husband of Princess Alexandra of Kent.

The Queen was concerned that pictures of her eldest son next to the woman Princess Diana called "The Rottweiler" would be unacceptable to the public.

So instead of sitting together as they had planned, Charles and Camilla were told to attend the ceremony apart. They dutifully obeyed but one courtier said the Prince of Wales was "incandescent with rage".

And it prompted a man often unfairly seen as weak compared with his overbearing father to stand up to his parents.

He was furious that the woman he had loved since 1970, who had been openly with him for years, was still out in the cold. Less than four months later, Charles and Camilla stepped out of Windsor Guildhall as husband and wife.

The register office ceremony was low key, and the Queen declined to attend.

But Charles had got his way and, to the Queen's great relief, the public loved it.

In the nervous months that followed, it looked as though the impossible had happened. The Duchess of Cornwall was accepted as the family's newest recruit.

On the day of the wedding I watched the couple emerge into Windsor High Street. From the balcony of the Castle Hotel, I could feel the mood of thousands crammed on to the pavements below.

There were no boos or shouts from the Diana faithful. There was excitement. People cheered and waved flags.

The newlyweds beamed as they headed off to start the life they had dreamed of for years – and it was struck by how different it could all have been. If Charles had misread the mood, if his gamble had not paid off, his chances of being King could have vanished live on TV.

So how did he turn the woman he now has at his side from Public Enemy No 1 into a consort admired by millions?

It was not an accident. The Windsor wedding was the culmination of one of the most successful PR campaigns of Elizabeth II's long reign.

It had begun in earnest seven years earlier, in the dark days and weeks after Princess Diana's death.

The backlash against Camilla was devastating. Life as a royal had been unbearable for Diana. Charles was the uncaring husband, Camilla the calculating mistress. There was a sense that their enduring extra-marital relationship was in some way to blame for the tragedy.

Charles did not appear in public for two weeks after Diana's funeral.

He looked nervous on his first official engagement, to Manchester, but the large crowds held no blame for him or Camilla. One woman took his hand and told him: "Keep your chin up."

Charles replied: "That's very kind of you but I feel like crying."

At the time, Charles and Camilla's relationship was stronger than ever. Yet now marriage was unthinkable, let alone the prospect that Camilla Parker Bowles could one day be Queen. Divorce, then death, had stolen that prize from Diana.

If there was to be any chance of future happiness, Charles knew something had to be done. Exactly a year before Diana's death, Charles and Camilla had launched what would become known in Palace circles as "Operation PB".

At the time Camilla was being demonised by public and Press, and the royals were urging Charles to "cut her loose".

In August 1996 Camilla met Mark Bolland, the well-connected director of the Press Complaints Commission, who recalled: "She was, frankly, a wreck and under immense strain."

Within weeks, Bolland was working for Charles as his assistant private secretary.

Part of the job was to mastermind a campaign to improve Camilla's image, and Charles regarded his dealings with the Press as a "necessary evil".

There was much work to do. In a poll of 2.6million viewers during a live debate, a third voted for an end to the monarchy.

Many in the audience booed at any mention of Camilla's name. Around her 50th birthday in July 1997, Bolland planned a publicity roll-out including a party at the Prince's Highgrove home, where he and Camilla were "openly



DUNCAN LARCOMBE

photographed outside London's Ritz Hotel as they left a 50th birthday party for Camilla's sister, Annabel Elliot.

A wall of Press and magazine photographers waited outside in what has now become one of the most memorable photocalls in modern royal history.

The coverage sparked criticism from the Diana faithful, with some commentators describing it as an insult to the late Princess.

But by the time Charles brought in Manchester United's former head of communications, Paddy Harverson, in 2003, a new confidence had grown at Clarence House.

Bolland later wrote that Mandelson's guidance on how to win back the British people had "helped him form a plan" that would eventually lead to the couple's wedding day. But Diana's tragic death almost killed off Operation PB.

Charles's priority was to protect Camilla. As a non-royal she was not entitled to her own taxpayer-funded security detail, despite the fact her association with the family put her at great personal risk.

Prince Charles secretly paid for his lover to have her own bodyguard.

Next, staff at Clarence House had to buy the couple time. It was agreed that the publication of pictures of them together would be out of the question while the backlash continued.

Stories spread about how Camilla was smuggled into the Prince of Wales's Highgrove estate hidden under a blanket on the back seat of a car, such were the lengths they went to in order to avoid stoking the public's anger.

It would be nine months after Diana's death before Camilla was introduced to Prince William, just days before his 16th birthday.

Before Diana's death, it had been obvious that Diana's children had no interest in meeting their father's lover.

But in June 1998, William was finally ready to meet Camilla, who was so anxious to make a good impression that she "trembled like a leaf".

The 30-minute meeting at York House

went well but moments after leaving the room, Camilla gasped: "I really need a gin and tonic!" They met twice more before Harry joined their get-togethers.

Privately, Charles was growing increasingly impatient to move ahead with Operation PB. It was not long before a plan was being put in place to finally let the worst-kept royal secret out of the bag.

Just before midnight on January 28, 1999, the Prince of Wales and his long-term love stepped out in public for the first time as a couple. They were

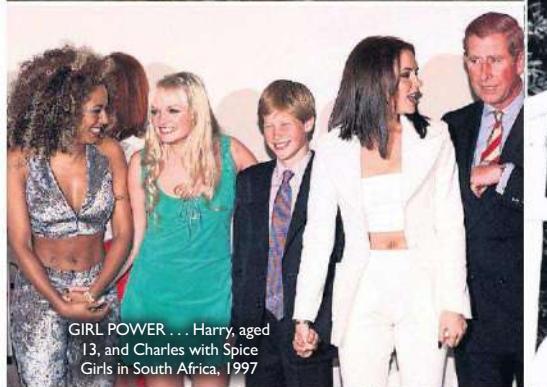


AT LONG LAST
... couple's
2005 wedding

THE MAKING OF A KING



OLD FLAMES
... Charles and Camilla after a polo match circa 1970



GIRL POWER... Harry, aged 13, and Charles with Spice Girls in South Africa, 1997



GRIMACE... at Klosters in 2005, where Charles let slip jibe at BBC's Nicholas Witchell

MAY 13, 2015

After Charles loses a legal battle, his private letters to government ministers are released. They showcase concerns including badgers and the endangered Patagonian toothfish.

MAY 19

On a trip to Ireland, Charles shakes hands with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, who once tried to justify the IRA murder of the Prince's godfather Lord Mountbatten. It is described as a "significant moment for Anglo-Irish relations".

AUG 27, 2016

A poll shows only a quarter of the British people want Charles to succeed his mother as monarch.

NOV 15, 2013

Charles represents the Queen for the first time, going to Colombo, Sri Lanka, for a Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting.

MAY 20, 2014

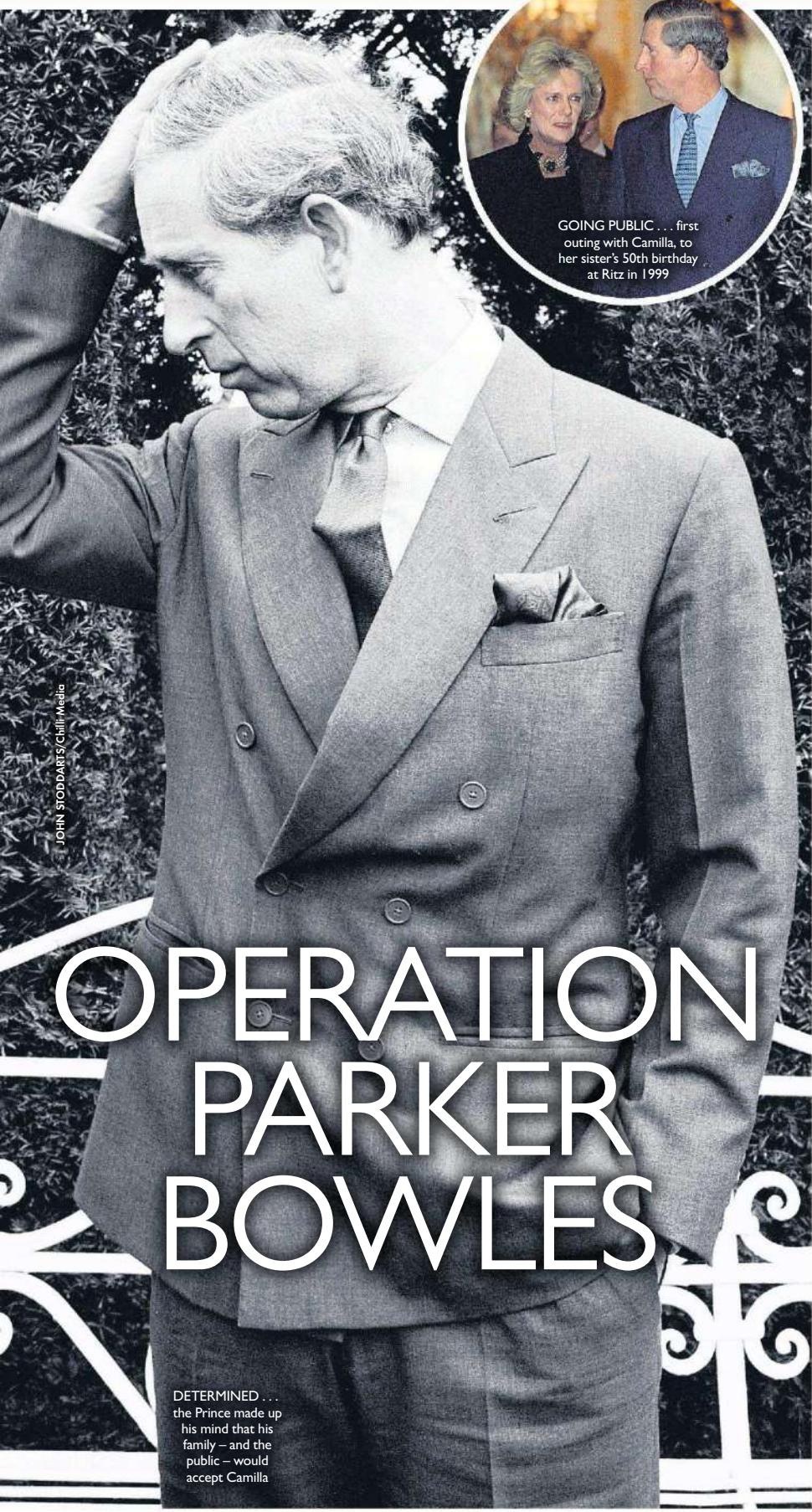
Russia demands an explanation when, during a tour of Canada, the Prince tells a Holocaust survivor: "Now Putin is doing just about the same as Hitler."

MAY 19

Their enduring marriage is proof the public's opinions of people can change.

Few would argue that Charles will now be a greater king for having Camilla at his side.

RESURRECTING CAMILLA



GOING PUBLIC... first outing with Camilla, to her sister's 50th birthday at Ritz in 1999

ALL the nation's monarchs since Henry VIII have been known by the title *Fidei Defensor – Defender of the Faith*.

The Pope conferred the honour in 1521 in recognition of a treatise the King had written on the sacred nature of marriage.

Henry was on the first of his six wives at the time. In 1538, after Henry broke with Rome and set himself up as head of his new Church of England, Pope Paul III stripped him of the title and excommunicated him.

But in 1544 Henry was once more Defender of the Faith – the title this time conferred on him and all his successors by the English Parliament for his role in the new Anglican Church.

It is therefore embedded in our political and royal history.

But in the past some have claimed that Charles will choose not to take the title at his own coronation, and that this is a reason he is not fit to reign.

According to Jonathan Dimbleby's 1994 book *The Prince Of Wales*, Charles decided he wanted to be seen as a Defender of Faith rather than Defender of the Faith.

The TV presenter wrote that Charles told him he was planning this symbolic change to reflect Britain's multicultural society.

Understandably it caused a furore, particularly among senior Anglicans and politicians. If he were to make the change, it would involve huge obstacles, including getting Parliament to agree to amend the 1953 Royal Titles Act.

But since he spoke to Dimbleby, Charles's position on the wording to be used at his coronation has categorically changed. It has been made clear to me that our new King will "absolutely 100 per cent" be named as Defender of the Faith when he is crowned.

But he is still determined to be a king who is connected to the faiths of all his subjects. In fact, Charles's more persistent detractors still cling on to half-truths and flimsy myths as proof that he is not made of the right stuff to reign because of his deep interest in other religions. He has even wrongly been accused of being a secret Muslim.

Soundbites were plucked from thoughtful, nuanced speeches to make headlines and flourish as "proof" of his conversion.

In one 1993 talk, titled *Islam And The West*, he said: "Islam can teach us today a way of understanding and living in the world which Christianity itself is poorer for having lost."

This was widely quoted at the time as evidence he had abandoned Christianity, which is of course not true.

But he does believe in pointing out and celebrating the values that are shared by different faiths. Charles also admires the Greek Orthodox Church and is well read on many other religions including Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism.

All he has ever wanted to do is build bridges that span the chasms between different beliefs. The fact that he is a divorcee and a king has also led to critics pointing an accusatory finger at him, wrongly suggesting his marriage break-up reflects a lack of commitment to being a Christian and to the Church of England.

His detractors conveniently ignore the fact he remained "faithful and honourable" in the marriage to Princess Diana until, in his view, it had "irretrievably broken down, with both having tried".

There was, of course, wrongdoing on both sides of the royal marriage. Diana committed adultery with James Hewitt and other lovers, while Charles broke his vows with long-term mistress Camilla Parker Bowles.

For many years, Charles agonised about whether his life's soulmate would ever be permitted to become Queen Consort. He



also worried that she would never be accepted by his subjects. All the way back in 1998 – although it was not made public until 2005 – he made it clear in an interview just how hurt he had been by the public's early attitude towards the great love of his life.

He said: "I thought the British people were supposed to be compassionate. I don't see much of it."

And he fumed that he would put his love for Camilla ahead of his own popularity, declaring: "All my life, people have been telling me what to do. I'm tired of it."

When, as royal editor of the *Evening Standard*, I broke the world-exclusive story in February 2005 that the Prince and Camilla had become engaged, my inside source was adamant that Charles would one day make her his Queen Consort.

Over time, his resolve on the matter only hardened. In his view, not to make Camilla queen would lessen his position as King. She happens to be his second wife. Did any of Henry VIII's wives not get the title queen?

But from the time of the wedding in 2005 until February this year, Charles's office always insisted that the Duchess of Cornwall would be styled Princess Consort when the time came – an inferior rank to Queen Consort.

It was the Queen who announced that this had changed, in her message marking the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne this year.

She said in a statement: "It is my sincere wish that, when the time comes, Camilla will be known as Queen Consort as she continues her own loyal service."

It was the greatest gift she could have given her son, and he and Camilla said in a statement they were "touched and honoured".

But behind the scenes, Her Majesty had already stealthily been making sure the Duchess would be regarded as a key royal.

Elizabeth marked her official 90th birthday in 2016 by tidying up plans for her death and elevating Camilla to her most senior advisory body, the Privy Council.

It was, as ever, all done very quietly.

But it is unprecedented in modern times for a royal wife not in direct line to the throne to be a member of the Privy Council.

This body is the cornerstone of the constitutional monarchy, enacting Acts of Parliament and advising the sovereign on the use of powers that do not formally go through Parliament.

Prince William also joined the Privy Council at the time, and the main reason the Queen wanted both her grandson and her daughter-in-law included was so they can be part of the Accession Council, which would handle the succession to the throne after her death.

The move proved that the Queen wanted Camilla to be beside Charles when he succeeded her as monarch. It also showed the esteem in which the Queen held Camilla.

She earned her stripes through the love and loyalty she has shown to her husband, and by devotion to duty to the Crown.

And when the sad news finally came, the statement from Buckingham Palace could not have made it more clear: "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon. The King and the Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

Charles now finally has his Queen Camilla, and queen of his heart.

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SIDE BY SIDE... Charles and Camilla at state opening of Parliament in 2013

• Charles was worried that Camilla would never be accepted by his subjects'

MAY 19

Charles walks Meghan Markle down the aisle at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, as she marries Prince Harry.

NOV 18

In a Sunday Times profile to mark his 70th birthday, Charles reveals that when at his "haven" of Highgrove in Gloucestershire, he starts each morning by feeding his chickens with organic food.

MAR 5, 2019

The Queen hosts a Buckingham Palace event to mark the 50th anniversary of Charles's investiture as Prince of Wales.

SEPT 9, 2017

Charles becomes the longest-serving Prince of Wales at 59 years, one month and 15 days, beating the record held by Edward VII.

APR 20, 2018

Commonwealth heads of government decide Charles will be the next Head of the Commonwealth after the Queen. The role is chosen, not hereditary.

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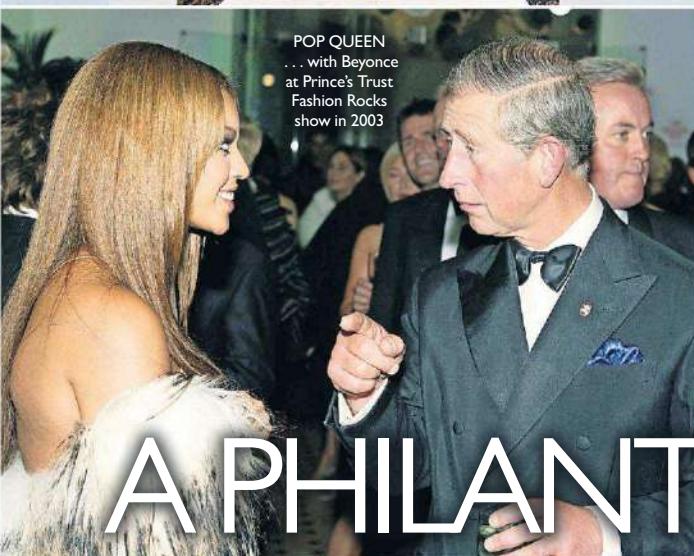
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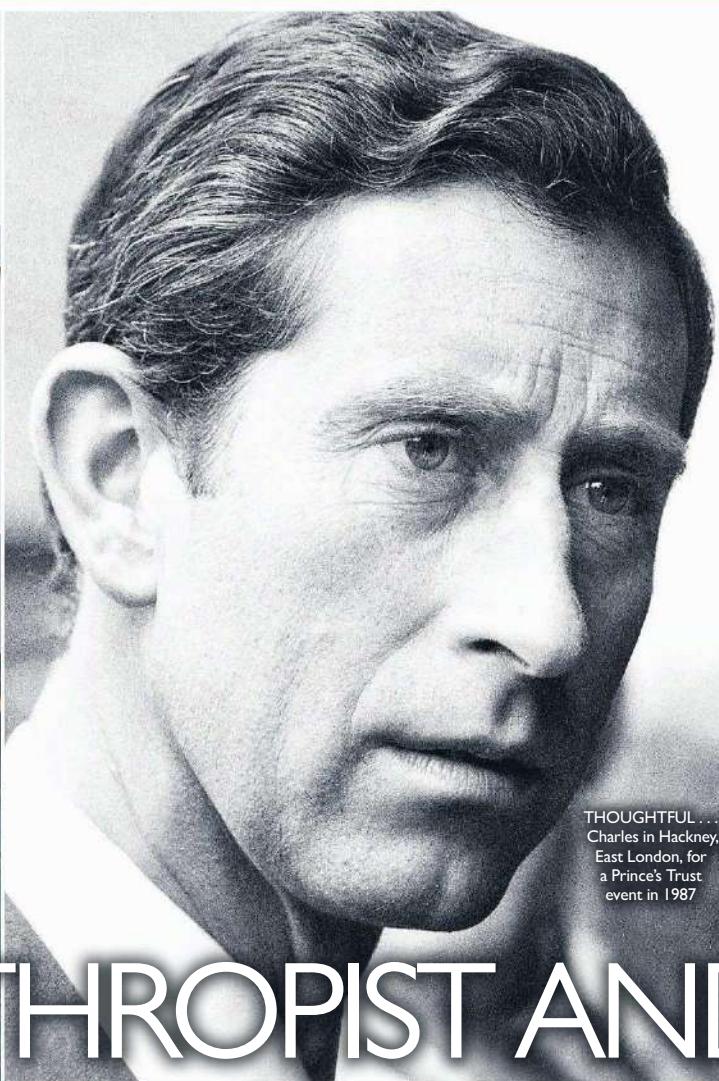
THE MAKING OF A KING



NEW TOWN...
2015 visit to an
affordable home in
his passion project
of Poundbury



POP QUEEN
... with Beyoncé
at Prince's Trust
Fashion Rocks
show in 2003



THOUGHTFUL...
Charles in Hackney,
East London, for
a Prince's Trust
event in 1987



A PHILANTHROPIST AND A

CHARLES III becomes King as a man who redefined what it meant to be Prince of Wales.

The quest to create meaning in his existence as monarch-in-waiting consumed him from the time he was a young man.

In 1978, aged 30, he said: "My great problem in life is that I don't really know what my role in life is. At the moment I do not have one, but somehow I must find one."

And somehow, he did.

It means we now have a King with a record of dogged public service like no other.

Charles is already the hardest-working member of the Royal Family, clocking in 521 engagements in 2019, before the pandemic cut his appearances down.

And he worked such long hours at his desk that he would regularly fall asleep and wake up with papers stuck to his face.

He is also a devoted philanthropist and campaigner, undaunted in the face of sneers.

All the way back in 1976 he set up the Prince's Trust to help vulnerable young people get their lives back on track.

He used his Navy severance pay of £7,400 to fund 21 pilot projects around the country, ranging from training young lifeguards in Cornwall to helping two ex-offenders run a fishing club. At the time it was seen as a weird, and even laughable, thing to do.

Charles recalled: "We had to overcome all these people who didn't see the point."

Despite the doubters, he ploughed on. The Prince's Trust has since helped more than 950,000 young people – and 100 more are added to that list each day.

Among the famous names the charity helped is the Bradford-born magician Dynamo, who suffered bullying as a child due to his Crohn's



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disease. He said: "They gave me advice, inspiration and a small cash grant. The rest is history."

The Prince's Trust has consistently broken new ground when it comes to fundraising, from hosting rock galas in the 1980s to Party In The Park and Fashion Rocks events in the 2000s.

Reflecting on the Trust's 40th anniversary for a documentary in 2016, Charles told show hosts Ant and Dec: "You have to keep ahead of the game all the time. You can't just sit back and say, 'Done a marvellous job!', because that's how all sorts of organisations fold."

In 1986 Charles also created what would later become the Prince's Foundation, an education charity which offers apprenticeships and training in traditional crafts and skills.

Charles was also one of the first public figures to speak up on environmental issues, long before it was fashionable.

As early as the 1960s he was warning about climate change and the destruction of natural habitats, following the lead of his father Prince Philip who co-founded the World Wildlife Fund in 1961.

By 1970, the Prince was speaking out against the dangers of plastic waste. He recalled recently: "I was considered rather dotty, to say the least, for even suggesting these things."

Ridicule grew when he moved into his beloved Highgrove House in Gloucestershire in 1980 and took up organic farming – a left-field pursuit in those days.

He once said: "I got a lot of flak for a lot of things. I mean, potty this, potty that, loony this, loony that."

Undeterred, he launched his Duchy Original

brand of organic products in 1990, donating the profits to his charities.

These days, organic farming does not look so wacky. He is such a respected voice on environmental matters that in October 2021 he addressed world leaders in Rome ahead of the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, telling them: "Quite literally, it is the last-chance saloon."

But some aspects of his relationship with nature still raise eyebrows – especially his famous fondness for talking to plants.

In 2010 he said the long-held habit keeps him "relatively sane", adding: "I happily talk to the plants and the trees, and listen to them. I think it's absolutely crucial."

Some of his pet causes also remain controversial.

He has been a vocal defender of alternative medicine, including homeopathy, which has drawn criticism from some in the medical community.

In poorly received speeches to the British Medical Association (BMA) and the World Health Organization, he urged doctors to look beyond conventional drug-based treatments.

In 1982, he declared to the BMA: "I would suggest that the whole imposing edifice of modern medicine is like the celebrated Tower of

Pisa, slightly off balance." And he courted further criticism in 2019 when he became a patron of The Faculty of Homeopathy.

It came two years after the NHS had made homeopathic remedies unavailable on prescription, with NHS England's chief executive saying homeopathy was "at best a placebo and a misuse of scarce NHS funds".

Another area where Charles has been accused of misusing his royal influence is in the realm of architecture, where he is a fierce opponent to utilitarian, modernist designs.

In 1984 he controversially declared that a proposed extension to the National Gallery in London was "a monstrous carbuncle on the face of a much-loved and elegant friend".

The scheme was later scrapped.

Three years later, the prince told his audience at a black-tie dinner that architects and planners had done more damage to London than the bombings during World War Two.

He blasted: "You have to give this much to the Luftwaffe – when it knocked down our buildings, it didn't replace them with anything more offensive than rubble. We did that."

Such was the venom poured on designs he disapproved of that some developers took to sending their plans for a private royal review beforehand rather than risk a tongue-lashing.

Critics said Charles was abusing his royal privilege, but in 2018 he

MAY 6, 2019

Birth of son Harry's first child, Archie. Charles is on a state visit to Berlin with Camilla and says in a statement: "We couldn't be more delighted at the news."

JAN 8, 2020

Charles reportedly "furious" when the Duke and Duchess of Sussex announce they are stepping back from royal duties, without consulting him or the Queen.

MAR 25,

It is announced that Charles has contracted Covid. He and Camilla isolate at their Birkhall residence at Balmoral.

FEB 10, 2021

Charles and Camilla receive their first Covid vaccine jabs. It comes a month after the Queen received hers.

MAR 8

Harry and Meghan's bombshell interview with Oprah Winfrey is broadcast on ITV. In it, Harry accuses his dad of cutting him off financially and claims Charles has stopped taking his calls.



IN GOOD HANDS
... taking part in
documentary as
part of COP26
green summit

A LIFETIME OF GOOD WORKS

ON POINT ...
visit to cricket
ground The
Oval in 2013



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declared he was unrepentant. What's more, Charles put his money where his mouth is.

In the early Nineties he started developing the new town of Poundbury in Dorset, on land owned by the Duchy of Cornwall. Built to his own taste, the development features replica Georgian terraces and country-style cottages, intermingled with business premises.

Inevitably, the project was derided, but it is due to house 6,000 people by the time it is completed in 2025, and currently provides employment for more than 2,000 workers in 180 businesses.

ANOTHER recent passion project for Charles has been the restoration of Dumfries House, a large country house in Ayrshire that he purchased in 2007 and restored to its former glory.

He went on to open the estate and gardens to the public, who are free to roam, even when he is in residence. Meanwhile, many derelict structures and outbuildings in the grounds have been transformed into gleaming new workshops where young apprentices learn traditional skills, such as stone masonry and carpentry, and are helped into jobs.

The grounds also house a health and wellbeing centre offering free alternative therapies to people from the neighbouring area – one of the most deprived in Scotland.

Charles has written several books, including 1989's *A Vision Of Britain*, setting out his architectural philosophy, and 2010's *Harmony: A New Way Of Looking At Our World*, about his ecological concerns. But his first published work was the 1980 children's book *The Old Man Of Lochnagar*, based on a story he used to tell younger brothers Andrew and Edward.

The tale of a gruff old man in a search for peace and quiet and a hot bath was made into an animated short film for the BBC. Charles is also a keen artist, specialising in watercolours. He has sold his landscapes for good causes, raising more than £2million.

Royal aides have spoken of how the King paints whenever his schedule allows, and always carries his paints with him.

Meanwhile, as well as The Prince's Trust, Charles has founded a further 16 charitable organisations. He is also the patron or president of another 400.

Unsurprisingly, Camilla has described Charles as a "workaholic" – and his sons agree.

In a documentary to mark Charles's 70th birthday in 2018, Prince Harry said: "The man never stops. When we were kids, there were bags and bags and bags of work that the office just sent to him. We could barely even get to his desk to say goodnight."

He is typically at his desk by 8.45am and will work right through lunch, pausing only for a walk so brisk that aides cannot keep up.

Then he will usually work until 8pm, often falling asleep at his desk.

A profile of the Prince published to celebrate his 70th birthday also revealed another daily ritual – tending to his chickens, a tradition continued by Prince Harry at his new home in California.

Ownership of Highgrove has now switched to Prince William, because it is the property of the incumbent Duke of Cornwall, and this title automatically transferred to William when his father inherited the crown.

It is hard to imagine the new King leaving his beloved estate behind completely, but Charles has always been ready for the changes that would come with his destiny.

He once said of his future role: "The most important thing will be to have concern for people and give some form of leadership.

"It's a fascinating job and I'm looking forward to the future."

APR 10

Charles pays tribute to his "dear Papa", the Duke of Edinburgh, who died the day before aged 99. He says Prince Philip gave the "most remarkable, devoted service" to the Queen, the Royal Family, the country and the Commonwealth.

NOV 29, 2021

Charles attends ceremony in Barbados as the Caribbean island formally removes the Queen as head of state.

JUN 4, 2022

The Prince gives a speech about "Mummy" at her Platinum Jubilee concert, saying: "You laugh and cry with us and, most importantly, you have been there for us, for these 70 years."

SEP 8

In first statement as King, Charles III says the Queen's death "is a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family. We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished Sovereign and a much-loved mother."

CRISES SHOWED HE WAS KING IN ALL BUT NAME

WHEN Prince Harry asked to see the Queen about Megxit, the monarch told him firmly: "I can't see you. You'll have to see your father."

And it was the way she played the Harry problem for the rest of her life.

The Queen's reaction in the midst of the crisis with Harry and Meghan revealed that Charles was already King without a crown.

The Queen knew she was in the twilight of her reign and was happy for her eldest son and heir to take over much of her work.

She had been preparing the Prince for the job of king for decades.

Unlike her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria, she was happy to share affairs of state with her son. When Victoria's son Edward VII was Prince of Wales, the queen refused to let him read any of her Red Boxes and kept him in the dark on the role of monarch.

Charles always read exactly the same Red Boxes as the Queen and she kept him in the loop continually throughout the whole process.

He also had regular meetings with the PM and government ministers.

In 2016 when the Queen announced she would no longer be making flights abroad, that was the moment Charles began the heavy lifting on behalf of the monarch.

I remember when Prince Charles went to the Gulf States. All the sheiks and princesses bowed to him as if he were a monarch.

And when he took the Queen's place at the Cenotaph in November 2017, laying her wreath at the national war memorial in Whitehall, it signalled that the monarch was stepping back – although she would never contemplate retirement.

He also did the smaller engagements, such



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as presenting Maundy money on the day before Good Friday.

The Queen was probably handing over these roles to try to get people to accept the idea of Charles as the future king.

That is certainly what she did in her speech marking 70 years on the throne when she said she wanted Camilla to be Queen Consort.

Almost overnight that just became accepted.

The death of Philip also marked Charles's accession to head of the family and he was involved at every stage of the Prince Andrew crisis brought about by his links to Jeffrey Epstein.

Andrew went to see Charles after badgering the Queen for so long.

It was a morning meeting – and there was no food involved.

It was brother and brother. They love each other but there was no way back for Andrew, who still wanted a public role.

The Duke of York thought that after settling the multi-million pound bill with Epstein victim Virginia Roberts Giuffre he could make a comeback.

Charles made the decision that his brother was not going to return to royal duties.

But the symbolic moment that showed Charles was quasi King came when he, Camilla and William attended the State Opening of Parliament in May with the crown on display to represent the Queen, who was too frail to attend.

It sent a clear signal that Charles's years as monarch in all but name were moving to an end.

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IN CHARGE...
with younger
brother Andrew
in 2012



IN CHARGE...
Charles leads his
family out of
Westminster
Abbey in 2020

CHARLES III
THE MAKING OF A KING

ALL IN GOOD FUN . . . Charles, two, at Clarence House in 1950, with his mother, then Princess Elizabeth

• As the Queen did with such unswerving devotion, I too now solemnly pledge myself throughout the remaining time God grants me to uphold the constitutional principles at the heart of our nation •

CHARLES IN HIS FIRST ADDRESS TO THE NATION AS KING LAST NIGHT